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27th Feb.	ORIENTAL	5284	MOLDAVIA	9777
6th Mar.	PERSIA	7951		
13th „	PENINSULAR	5291	ARCADIA	6603
19th „	MACEDONIA	10500		
26th „	ORIENTAL	5281	AUSTRALIA	6901
2nd Apl.	CALEDONIA	7558		
9th „	PENINSULAR	5294	OCEANA	6610
16th „	EGYPT	7912		
23rd „	ORIENTAL	5281	MONGOLIA	9500
30th „	ARABIA	7903		
7th May	PENINSULAR	5291	CHINA	7912
14th „	MOLDAVIA	9777		
21st „	ORIENTAL	5281	HIMALAYA	6898
28th „	PERSIA	7951		

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VILLE DE LA CIOTAT	6,640	Fiaschi	24th Mar. 1904
OCEANIEN	4,259	Guionnet	21st Apr. 1904

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AUSTRIA	R Colledani	7,588	20th Apr. „
*† SILESIA	[illegible]	5,158	20th Apr. „

* Will call at Karachi. † Will call at Fiume.

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FRANZ FERDINAND	C. Matcovich	6,043	29th Feb. 1904.

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THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LD., Bombay, has kindly complied with the request of the Society to act as the Cashiers for the purpose and all contributions will be acknowledged by the Bank on behalf of the Society. The public to suit their purpose may address to any of the Members of the Special Committee for information required.

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1st.—To receive the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the half year ended 31st December, 1903.

2nd.—To elect Auditors for the ensuing year, and to fix their remuneration.

And NOTICE is hereby given that the TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 11th to 27th February, both days inclusive.

By Order,
GREAVES, COTTON & Co.,
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Bombay, 3rd February, 1904.

THE JAMES GREAVES MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-FIRST ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company No. 1, Forbes Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, at 4-20 P.M. to transact the following business :—

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NOTICE is hereby given that the NINETEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 1 Forbes Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, at 4-30 P.M., to transact the following business ;—

1st.—To receive the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the half year ended 31st December, 1903.

2nd.—To elect Auditors for the ensuing year, and to fix their remuneration.

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Bombay, 3rd February, 1904.

THE IMPERIAL COTTON MILLS COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 1, Forbes Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, at 4-40 P. M., to transact the following business;—

1st.—To receive the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the half year ended 31st December, 1903.

2nd.—To elect Auditors for the ensuing year, and to fix their remuneration,

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By Order,
GREAVES, COTTON & Co.,
Secretaries, Managers, and Agents.
Bombay, 3rd February 1904.

THE LEOPOLD SPINNING, BLEACHING, AND MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Company, No. 1, Forbes Street, on WEDNESDAY, the 24th February, at 4-50 P. M., to transact the following business;—

1st.—To receive the Directors' Report and Audited Statements of Accounts for the half year ended 31st December, 1903.

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E. SCARPA,
Agent, Austrian Lloyd's S. N. Co.

S. S. "ASTON HALL."

CONSIGNEES are requested TO TAKE DELIVERY of their CARGO from the DOCK. Chafed or Broken Packages must be surveyed before removal from the Landing Shed. The Undersigned decline to survey Goods removed to the Unclaimed Warehouse.

Lifts exceeding 30 cwts. will be delivered into Consignees Boats, and, if not alongside in time, will be landed or placed in boats, at Steamer's option, at their risk and expense.

Captain MACFADYEN will attend every morning to survey Damages, &c., and all Claims must be certified to by him and sent in within a month of Steamer's arrival, or they will not be paid.

KILLICK, NIXON & Co.,
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Messrs. EDWARD, BATES and SONS' AGENCY,
Apollo Street, Bombay, 23rd February, 1904.

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ARABS and C.-BREDS broken to Single (Rs. 15) and Double Harness (Rs. 30), and Saddle (Rs. 15), Walers broken to Single Harness or Saddle (Rs. 25), Double Harness (Rs. 50). Troublesome horses charged extra.

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REPAIRS neatly executed with promptitude and despatch, Rubber tyres of finest quality only supplied, Carriages greased by contract, Satisfaction guaranteed. Inspection invited.

ARDESHER'S
PRIZE DRAWING.

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY, 20.

THERE was a popular gathering this evening at ARDESHER'S. Mr. Ardesher speaking said : Ladies and Gentlemen.—I cannot sufficiently thank you for your kind patronage, confidence, and support since 1899. He further said that English manufactured goods created jealousy. A member of the Indian National Congress asked why was not Mr. Ardesher pushing Indian manufactures. He replied that Indian Artists were extinct and English manufactures were superior to foreign goods. If the public would help he would push Indian manufactures, but they were not appreciated. In conclusion he said that any one having a doubt about the drawing might scrutinize it. The next drawing will take place on the 14th May, and Tickets will be given free of charge up to the 7th May. The first prize in that drawing is fixed at Rs. 2,000. After refreshments had been served by the Temple Bar Hotel to the people the gathering dispersed. The first Prize of Rs. 1,000 fell to Ticket No. 10,009, held by Bava Lachmandas of the Golden Temple, Amritsar ; the second, a Gold Watch, fell to No. 6,728, held by Bai Navajbai Edulji Bharucha, Old Modi Khana, Bombay; the third fell to No. 8,008, Valabhji Pranlal Chaparia of Veraval. Nineteen Prizes went to ladies and gentlemen present on the spot and were paid promptly. There was a large demand for Timepieces and Watches.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT AND COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

On SATURDAY, the 22nd instant, at 3 p.m. Messrs BENNETT & Co. will sell by Public Auction at their Rooms, a quantity of grey and coloured piece goods, etc.

AT 1-30 P.M.

1 handsome strong glass-fronted miniature brougham, in very good order.
1 handsome strong palanquin office shigram, in very good order.
1 handsome strong victoria, in very good order.
1 grey Arab, quiet in harness and saddle.
1 bay pony, quiet in harness.

On SUNDAY, the 28th instant, at 1 p. m., Messrs BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Action at Dadur, behind the G. I. P. Railway Station, near the Fish Market and next to the Post Office, the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood, satinwood and English oakwood, plain and carved household furniture of the latest design, rich glass and crockeryware, best plated ware, by Reed and Barton, drawing room suites, large dining table and chairs, English chiffonier and side-boards, drawing room cabinets, glass door almyras, marble top dressing and wash hand tables, brass and iron double bedsteads, one sweet-toned piano, handsome flower vases and table ornaments, real dresden figures, Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, one English double door fibre proof safe by J. Lord, ice-box by Bolton, rich Persian carpets, large cooking stoves, copper cooking utensils, one handsome strong baba shigram in very good order, a collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots, etc., etc., the property of JAO. CONNOR, Esq.

Catalogues will be published and the property is on view.

On MONDAY, the 29th inst., at 1 p.m., Messrs, BENNETT & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 4 Gymkhana Chambers, Fort, opposite the Tata Palace, the valuable and handsome teak and blackwood plain and carved household furniture by Roberts and others, rich glass and crockeryware, best plated ware, glass door almyrahs, drawing room cabinets, marble top dressing and wash-hand tables, first rate pictures and oleographs, handsome flower vases and table ornaments, brass and iron bedsteads, Hink's and Ditmar's table and hanging lamps, rich carpets, etc., etc., the property of W. R. SHAW Esq., proceeding to Europe.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On WEDNESDAY, 2nd March next, at 1 p.m., Messrs. BENNETT & Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at the Government Dockyard, Fort, the very valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood, artistic, plain and carved, and English household furniture especially made to order rich crockery and glassware, handsome China and Japanese vases, Singapore cane furniture, Burmese open carved screen, large glass door almyrahs, English iron bedsteads with horse hair mattresses, a handsome strong English-built victoria on perch with C. spring by "Hoopar" a large collection of choice and rare plants in tubs and pots ; also a lot of historic and naval engraving, &c. &c., the property of Captain W. S. Goodridge, R. N. C. I. E., Director, Royal Indian Marine, proceeding to Europe.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view four days before the sale.

N. B.—The plants will be sold on TUESDAY, the 1st proximo, at 7-30 a.m.

ON COMMISSION SALE.

One Benson's half hunting 18 carrat gold keyless watch, in splendid condition, cost £ 20.

BENNETT & Co.

Bombay, 24th February, 1904.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at 1 p.m., Messrs CRAWFORD and Co., are instructed to sell by Public Auction at No. 8 Grant's Building, Lower Colaba, at the Young Men's Christian Association Home, the valuable and handsome blackwood and teakwood household furniture, platedware, crockery and glassware, semi-grand piano by Kaps, cooking stove, carpets, China old jars, table ornaments, table and hanging lamps, &c.

The property is on view.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

By order of the Trustees to the estate of Esa Hajee Abubakar and Esa Haji Abubakar and Co. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction at Bank Street, Fort, near the Bombay Bank, TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 25th instant, at 2 p.m., the following fancy goods suitable for presents consisting of handsome majolica flower vases, jardiniers, garden pots, stands, mirror brackets, bentwood tables, sofas, hat stands, centre-pieces, terra-cotta figures, large music 1 box with spare rollers handsome cut glass 3, 6 and 1 light gas chandeliers, &c.

The property is now on view.

SALE OF VALUABLE LANDED PROPERTIES AT GILDER STREET, NEAR GRANT ROAD, AND AT ARTHUR ROAD, OUTSIDE THE FORT.

Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will sell by Public Auction on the respective premises on the dates hereunder mentioned the undermentioned properties by order of the mortgagee and on account and at the risk of the mortgagor Hajee Noor Mahomed Hajee Abdulla in pursuance of the power of sale given in the indenture of mortgage dated the 3rd day of May, 1902.

On THURSDAY, the 10th day of March, 1904, at 4 p.m.

LOT No. 1.

All that piece or parcel of land admeasuring 2878 square feet and one-half of a square foot or thereabouts, situate at Gilder Street, near Grant Road, in the City and Registration Subdistrict of Bombay together with the messuage, tenement, dwelling-house or chawl standing thereon, registered in the books of the Collector of Land Revenue under old No.—, new No—, old survey No—, and in the books of the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under E Ward No. 1709 (2), Street No. 7 and bounded as follows;—That is to say on or towards the north by the vacant land of the Lessor Dinbai, widow of Nesserwanji Merekji Petit, on or towards the south by the property leased to another tenant of the said lessor Dinbai, on or towards the east by another property belonging to the Lessor, and on or towards the west by a private road.

On FRIDAY, the 11th day of March, 1904, at 4 p.m.

LOT No 2.

All that piece or parcel of leasehold land or ground formerly belonging to Haroon Mahomed and now belonging to Haji Suleman Abdul Vahed, together with the messuages, tenement or dwelling-house, situate, lying and being at Arthur Road, in the Subdistrict of Bombay, containing by admeasurement 718 square yards, assessed by the Assessor and Collector of Municipal Rates and Taxes under Ward No. 7305 and 7306, and Street No. 163 and 165 and bounded on the east, and south by fezendari vacant land and on the north by the Arthur Road.

For further particulars and conditions of sale application may be made to Messrs Tyabji Dayabhai and Co, Solicitors, for the Mortgagee, at their Office on the Esplanade Road, Fort, or to the undersigned,

CRAWFORD & Co.

Bombay, 24th February. 1904.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 35, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF CHINA CLAY.

Messrs. MENESSE & Co will sell by Public Auction THIS DAY, WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at 11-30 a.m, in the Prince's Dock "A" Shed, on account of the concerned

Ex. s.s." Merton Hall,"

P.WG-V—101-200—100 casks damaged China clay.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, the 25th instant, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will hold their usual Weekly Auction Sale at their Rooms, of a quantity of piece-goods and sundry goods, &c.

2 cases white mulls.
2 cases prints.
1 case coloured flannels.
3 cases white shirtings.
On account of the concerned—
1 case drapery.
400 pieces Japanese white Paj.
On account and at the risk of Faragullah Rahimtulla and Co.—
1 case Astrakhan cloth.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 24th February, 1904.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & COMPANY,
No. 4, FORBES & MEDOWS STREETS, FORT.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

SALE of valuable and handsome artistic design, inlaid and openwork sets of drawing, dining and bed-room furniture, English iron bedsteads, rich folding screens, 10 Vols International Library of famous literature with case, Singer's foot sewing machine, Ditmar's and Hink's lamps, rich wall plates, cromos, engravings, carpets, door curtains, China mattings, set of chain pattern glassware with decanters and tumblers best platedware, handsome dinner tea and dessert sets, copper utensils, ponies, baba-saddle &c, the property of W. E. WAITE, Esquire, Chief Accountant Bombay Municipality.

On SATURDAY, the 27th February, 1904, at 2 P.M Messrs MEHRJEE JOHNSTON & Co., will sell by Public Auction, at the Point of Altamont Road (on the top floor of Seth Kureembhoy Barodawala's Bungalow) the whole of the abovementioned artistic design furniture, &c., &c.,

Catalogues printed, and the property on view.

MEHRJEE, JOHNSTON & Co,

Bombay, 24th February 1904.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
21, MEDOWS STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLECTORS OF OLD CURIOS AND OTHERS.

SALE OF ANTIQUE PERSIAN WARE.

Messrs, SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co. will, on SATURDAY, the 27th instant, dispose of by Public Auction to the highest bidder at their Sales Rooms, at 2 p.m., a large collection of old Persian, China, consisting of jars, vases of different sizes, flower pots, bowls, plates, very old inlaid bowls and plates, inlaid tiles, tablets representing Persian riders, old courts &c. for wall decoration, old round slabs for tables including an inlaid antique vase, a do. do. (Hooka shape), an inlaid tile and tablet representing the court of the King Kaus.

The above articles are collected and brought by a native of Persia from different countries; and some of these articles are very antique and are rarely offered for public competition,

SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co.

Bombay, 24th February, 1904.

VISITING CARDS, DIES, CRESTS, Monograms, &c., &c., in elegant style and at the shortest notice. Engraving, Copper-plate Printing and Lithographing orders. For rates apply to SUPERINTENDENT, Bombay Gazette Steam Press.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE

LONDON, FEBRUARY 22.

SECURITIES—		
2 3-4 per cent. Consols	£86 3-8	= + 5-16
3 do. Rentes	£95	= — 1-4
3½ do, Indian Sterling Loan	£103 1-2	= unchanged
3½ per cent, Indian Enfaced Rupee Paper	£61 5-16	= + 1-16
SILVER—		
Spot in London	27 1-4	= unchanged
2 months hence	26 3-4	= do
Spot in New York	—	= —
EXCHANGES—		
Paris cheques	25·20	= unchanged
Berlin	20·43 1-1	= — 1-1
New York Demand	—	= —
DISCOUNTS—		
Bank of England	4	= unchanged
3 months' sight Bank Bills	3 3-8	= do
6 " " "	3 3-8	= do
3 " " Fine Trade Bills	3 3-4	= do
6 months' sight Fine Trade Bills	3 7-8	= do
INTEREST—		
Day to day loans	3 1-8	= + 1-4
7 day market loans	3 1-3½	= + 1-4

Extra Council Bills allotments Transfer on Calcutta Rs. 5,00,000 at 1s. 4 3-16d.

WHEAT—
Wheat afloat for U. K. 2,760,000.

SUGAR—
German granulated 1st marks J.-F. 9 15-16 = unchanged. quiet but steady.

RUBBER—
Para Rubber 4 4 1-2 = + 1-4. Buyers.
Yellow Cawnpore A.-M. Sellers 34s. 9d. = — 6d.
Brown M.-J. Sellers. 32s. 9d. = unchanged Firm.

LINSEED—
Linseed Bold. A.-M. Done 31s. = — 3d. Firm.

Cotton markets were closed in Liverpool and America.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, for the 24 hours ending at 6 p. m., on Monday, February 22nd, 1904 :—

Cotton	17,378 bales.
Wheat	8,153 cwts.
Linseed	12,927 "
Rape, Ral and Mustard	6,904 "
Gingellyseed	9,293 "
Poppyseed	180 "
Groundnuts	521 "
Castorseed	632 "
Rice	3,987 "
Myrabollams	3,653 "
Cottonseed	5,574 "
Mowraseed	8 "
Gram	659 "
Joowar	7,045 "
Maize	3,976 "

BOMBAY FEB. 23.

Exchange—Tone steady.
Bank T.T. ... 1s. 4 3-32
Bank Demand ... 1s. 4 1-8d.
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight D. A. 1s. 4 3-8d.
Do 6 do do 1s. 4 1-2d
French Francs 3 do do ... 172
Marks 3 do do ... 139 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight ... 134 1-2
Shanghai 30 do do ... 192 1-2
Japan 30 do do ... nominal.
Government Paper—3½ per cent. Tone Steady.
Cash ... Rs. 96·1
1st Settlement 3rd March " 96·1
Money Market.—Tone quiet.

BANK RATE.
Bank of England since 3rd Sept. 4 per cent.
Bank of Bombay do 11th Feb. 7 do.
Bank of Bengal do 21st Jan. 7 do.
Bank of Madras do 22nd Jan. 7 do.

SEEDS—	Rs.	a.	p.
Linseed.—Tone quiet.			
Ready	5	10	0
Rapeseed.—Tone quiet.			
Brown Cawnpore, Ready.	5	4	0
Yellow Cawnpore, Ready.	5	12	0
Yellow Guzerat, Ready...	6	0	0
Poppyseed.—Tone steady.			
Ready	5	12	0
Castorseed—Tone quiet.			
Ready	21	0	0
Gingellyseed.—Tone dull.			
Howree Khandeish ...	32	0	0
15 per cent. Mixed ...	30	1	0
25 per cent. " ...	30	0	0
50 per cent. " ...	28	4	0
Black Kutnee " ...	24	8	0
Yellow Hinghenghat ...	34	8	0

WHEAT.—Tone firm.
Pissi 91 per cent. Rs. 30-8
Club No. 1 " " 30
Hard Red " " 25

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone quiet.
Estimated sales ... 4,000 bales.
Imports ... 20,000 "

Feb.-Mar.	Mar.-April	April-May
7·12	7·12	7·13
—4	—1	—4
May-June.	**June-July**	**July-Aug.**
7·15	7·15	7·14
—1	—4	—1
Aug.-Sept.	**Sept.-Oct.**	**Oct.-Nov.**
6·97	6·31	6·01
—1	—4	—4

COTTON.—The local market remains quiet and business reported in spot cotton is on a very moderate scale. Prices are slightly easier, sellers being more disposed to meet the enquiry.

Official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited : -

	Fine	F.-G.	Gd.	Delivery
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)...	234	220	212	25 Feb.
Bengal (M.-G.) (Ry. terms)...	235	223	...	do
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.) ...	237	223	...	do
Oomrawatee (descriptions) M.-G.	256	250	...	do
Khandeish (M.-G.) ...		236	230	do
Jalgaum do. ...		233	230	do
Khandwa do. ...		249	...	do
Khangaum fair staple (M-G) Karanja do. do. Akola do. do.	258	252	...	do
Oomras, good staple (M.G.)	270	230	...	do
Dhamangaum Poolgaum (MG)	262	256	...	do
Nagpur Kamptee (M.-G.)...	264	258	...	do
Broach (M.-G.) ...	293	...	274	March
Do. (M.-G.) ...	290	...	...	April
Bhownuggar (M. G.) ...	266	256	...	May
Do. (M. G.) ...	262	252	...	May
Mutia (M. G.) ...	242	232	...	Feb.
Dharwar (S.-G.) ...	...	...	270	May.
Westerns ...	...	...	258	...

SHARES.

	Rs.
Bank of Bombay	1,275
Manockjee Petit Mills	2,015
Bombay Flour Mills	890

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 22.

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed	—
Surats	Holiday
Good Bhownugger	—
The Manchester Market has been	—
2 1-2 per cent Consols	86 3-8
3 per cent Rentes	95
3 1-2 per cent Sterling Loan	103 1-2
3 1-2 per cent Rupee Papers	61 5-16
Bar Silver	27 1-4

B. V. A. CARBINE ASSOCIATION.

The results of the 17th and 18th sport competitions are as follows :—

17th. 200 yards.

Competitors	score	h'cap	Total.
Co-Qrmr-Sergt. Rhenius...	27	3	24*
Sergt-Inst. H. Solley...	25	4	21*

*Spoon winners.

18th. 300 yards.

Competitors	score	h'cap	Total.
Sergt. H. E. Bryning ...	25	4	21*
do. P. Hunter ...	23	2	21a
Gr. Lazell ...	23	3	20

aSpoon winners.

Sergt. H. E. Bryning also wins the "Club Blend" Cup for which scores at this range are also counted. Co-Qrmr Sergt. Rhenius may well pride himself on his score of 27 at 200 yards—just one less a posible He richly deserves all the kudos that can be given him for his tall scoring at a range where it is considered almost an impossibility to achieve a possible 28 standing howsoever firm and solid a stand one may make.

FLORILINE.—For the Teeth and Breath.—A few drops of the liquid Floriline sprinkled on a wet toothbrush produces a pleasant lather which thoroughly cleanses the teeth from all parasites or impurities, hardens the gums, prevents tartar, stops decay, gives to the teeth a peculiar pearly whiteness and a delightful fragrance to the breath. It removes all unpleasant odour arising from decayed teeth or tobacco smoke. The Fragrant Floriline being composed in parts of Honey and Sweet Herbs is delicious to the taste, and the greatest toilet discovery of the age. Of all Chemists and Perfumers. Wholesale Depot 33, Farringdon Road London, England.

DOMESTIC OCCURRENCES

THE Charge for Announcements of BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS and MEMORIUM Notices (which must be authenticated by the name and address of the sender) is Rs 2, for six lines or less, and 8 as. for every additional line CASH strictly in ADVANCE.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

SINGH—February 13, at Bancberia, District Hoghli at her parent's residence, the wife of Babu Girendra Narain Singh, son of Rai Chunder Narain Singh Bahadur, of a son.

TIGHE—February 14, at Belgaum, the wife of Lieut Col M J Tighe, D S O, 32nd Punjabis, of a son.

MARRIAGE.

WOOLHOUSE—KELLY—February 16, at All Saints' Church Coonoor, by the Rev J Cameron, Senior Chaplain, Sutherland Edward Woolhouse, 1st Essex Regt, to Norah Kathleen, younger daughter of the late F W Kelly, F R C G S, late Deputy Supt, Survey of India, and of the Straits Settlements.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Sun rises, 6h. 24m. Sun sets, 6h. 3m. High water 3-25m., 4-33a. Low water, 9-40m., 9-54a.
Municipal Standing Committee, 3-30 p. m.
Star of India Mills, 51 Apollo Street, 3-30 p. m.
K. and S. Cycle Club Sports, Esplanade, 4 p. m.
Meetings of six Mill Companies managed by Messrs. Greaves, Cotton and Co., 4 p. m., to 4-50 p. m.
Cathedral High School, Concert and Theatricals, 9 p. m.

THEFT AT WELLINGTON LINES.—Mr. M. A. Judaychudi has reported to the Police the theft of a gold watch and chain, a gold pencil and other small trinkets of the collective value of Rs 750 from his house in Wellington Lines, on Monday night.

DROWNED IN A QUARRY HOLE.—On Monday afternoon a Hindu girl named Bhimi, aged seven years, living with her parents in Sewri New Road, went with her mother to clean pots at a quarry hole near the house, while the mother was engaged in cleaning the pots, the girl went to get some water from the pit and in doing so overbalanced herself and fell in. She was drowned before any assistance could be obtained.

POSTAL NOTICES.—A mail for Egypt and Europe consisting of letters and packets specially marked for transmission per Messageries Maritimes s s Dumbia will be made up at the Bombay General Post Office for despatch to destination at 1-15 p.m to-morrow. Letters etc for Aden will also be despatched by this steamer. Mails for Seychelles Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay and other places in South Africa per R I M S Clive will be closed at the General Post Office at 2 p.m. to-morrow.

GAMBLING IN RIPON ROAD.—At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup, Inspector Hemsworth charged Bakri Idi and twelve other Mahomedans Bakri with keeping a common gaming house in Ripon Road and the rest of the accused with gambling therein with cards and money. The accused were arrested on the 20th instant in the act of gambling in a room in Aga Khan's chawl at Ripon Road, rented by the first accused. The Magistrate convicted all the accused and sentenced the keeper to pay a fine of Rs. 20 and the rest Rs. 5 each.

MUSIC AT MESSRS. W. B. GREEN AND CO.—By kind permission of Captain Bailey, the Band of the 123rd Outram's Rifles will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. M. Freitlis, Band master, commencing at 7 p. m. to-day :—

Senorita	The Jewel of Asia	Philp.
Overture	Masaniello	Auber.
Valse	Innamorata	Fare.
Selection	Kitty Grey	Monckton
Intermezzo	Silvana	Loraine
Selection	Messenger Boy	Monckton

MUSIC AT THE CYCLE SPORTS:—By kind permission of Captain Bailey the Band of the 123rd Outram's Rifles will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. M. Freitlis, Band master, commencing at 4 p.m. on to-day.

Cake Walk	Creole Belle	Lampe
Overture	The Exiles	Gassure
Valse Lente	Blene	Margis
Selection	Belle of New York	Kerker
Barn dance	Only a bit of String	Kafert
Selection	Coster Songs	Chevallier
Galop	Hermits Bells	Maillard

THEFT OF SILVER BARS.—At the Mazagon Police Court yesterday before Mr. J. W. S. Dracup Inspector Bartley charged Balgovind Bhoprasad a Purdesi with stealing silver bars of the value of Rs. 100, the property of one Nageshwar Govind. The evidence showed that the complainant and the accused lived in the same house. On the night of the 20th instant the accused broke open the complainant's box during his absence and having abstracted the silver bars therefrom concealed them in his own room. When the complainant found his box broken and the property missing he made a report to the police who arrested the accused on suspicion and on searching his room recovered the silver bars. The accused admitted the offence and was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.

ARRESTED ON SUSPICION.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday before Mr. J. Sanders Slater Chief Presidency Magistrate, Sub-Inspector Cowasji Jamsetji Pettigara of the Criminal Investigation Department, charged Moti Malaji, a Marwari and Basapa Kalapa, his servant, with being in possession of gold and silver ornaments valued at about Rs. 2,000, supposed to have been stolen. The accused were arrested on suspicion on Monday evening at Shroff Bazar by a policeman in plain clothes while they were trying to dispose of the property. The first accused said that he and his brothers had a shop in Marah in Dharwar District. The ornaments were pledged with him by his customers. The period during which the ornaments were to be redeemed had expired, and he had therefore brought them to Bombay to dispose of them. On an application from Mr. Pettigara the case was remanded to enable the police to make inquiries at Dharwar.

THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE IN BOMBAY.—The Anglo-Indian Temperance Association of England have sent Miss Florence Balgarnie on a special deputation to India in the cause of the Temperance movement. Professor Velinker and Mr. Gilder, the Honorary Secretaries of the Indian Temperance Association convened a meeting of all the Temperance Associations in Bombay at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association on Saturday last to consider what necessary steps should be taken to organise meetings to enable Miss Balgarnie to deliver addresses. The Temperance Associations were represented as follows :—Mrs. T. T. Wright, Women's Temperance Union; Mrs. Newell, Methodist Episcopal Church ; Mr. and Mrs. A. E. B. Gordon, Young Men's Christian Association ; Mr. H. J. Imrie, Independent Order of Rechabites ; Mr. Gilder, Indian Temperance Association ; Mrs. J. Briggs, Mr. H. Arnott, Dr. D. R. Tata and Mr. D. R. Colah of the Independent Order of Good Templars and the Indian Temperance Association, Mr. Kazi Kabiruddin presided. Miss Balgarnie had arranged to deliver a lecture at the Anjuman Hall (near Bori Bundar) on the 2nd March under the auspices of the Anjuman-i-Islam and it was therefore resolved that another meeting should be held at the same place on the 3rd March, under the auspices of the Indian Temperance Association and that all the Temperance Societies should be requested to take part in both meetings.

THEFT AT MESSRS LUND AND BLOCKLEY'S.—At the Esplanade Police Court yesterday, before Mr. J. Sanders Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Punerswami Vyankatswami a silversmith in the employ of Messrs Lund and Blockley, was charged with the theft of a silver cup valued at Rs. 60. It appeared from the evidence that Messrs Lund and Blockley had received the cup from the Madras Light Infantry Mess for repairs. On Monday morning shortly before half past nine o'clock Moreswar Babaji, a fitter employed by Messrs Lund and Blockley, saw the accused come to his masters' establishment in company with Krishnaswami Ramaswami, a compositor in the "Times of India" Press. The accused went into the office and returned with some bundle which he gave to Krishnaswami and the latter went away with it. Krishnaswami sold the cup which was wrapped up in the bundle to Keshav Krishna a gold smith in Cheera Bazar, for Rs. 5-14-0. About 9-30 a. m. the loss of the cup was noticed in the office by the polisher and inquiries were set on foot. In the afternoon, Mr. Lund informed the police, and Jamadar Kaikhhushrao R. Madon arrested the accused on suspicion and subsequently recovered the property. The accused pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced to three months' rigorous imprisonment.—Krishnaswami Ramaswami and Keshav Krishna were respectively charged with voluntarily assisting in disposing of the stolen property, and with receiving stolen property, and sentenced to two months' rigorous imprisonment each.

ALLEGED DEFALCATIONS BY MILL OFFICERS.

At the Mazagon Police Court, yesterday, Mr P. H Dastur, Second Presidency Magistrate, resumed the hearing of the case in which Balkrishna Chintaman Shastri, cashier of the mills managed by the firm of Messrs Greaves Cotton and Company Ld. and Jehangir Dorabji Assistant Superintendent in charge of the same mills, are charged with Criminal breach of trust as servants in respect of three sums of money namely Rs 1,150, and Rs, 575 belonging to the firm. The accused are also charged with the abetment of the offence. Mr Byrne of Messrs Smetham, Byrne and Noble solicitors appeared for the prosecution, Mr, Velinker, pleader, defended the first accused while Mr F. T. Taleyarkhan, barrister-at-law, instructed by Mr. Mulla, solicitor and Mr. Kapadia pleader, appeared for the second accused. Mr. Payne Solicitor of Messrs Payne and Company watched the proceedings on behalf of the Heward and Bullough mills.

Mr. Bapuji Burjorji, muccadum of the Jamsned Mills, cross-examined by Mr, Velinkar gave evidence as to the payment of the three sums of money mentioned in the receipts. The witness said he had first to pay a deposit against the weighment note and when the pucca receipt was made out he paid the balance. He always paid the money to the cashier. Athaide did not use to be present at the cashier's table when the witness paid the money.

Cross-examined by Mr. Taleyarkhan, witness said after the receipt was prepared by the cashier, the receipt book was sent to Athaide for his signature The weighment-note never went with the receipt book, but remained on the table in charge of the cashier.

Mr. Arthur K. Leslie cross-examined by Mr. Velinker said since the previous hearing of the case, the first accused had given him certain information. He subsequently helped the witness greatly in connection with this inquiry and in elucidating the conditions of affairs generally. The witness had heard about the Abkari prosecution against Mrs Athaide. That matter was under investigation in August or September of 1901. In consequence of the information he had received and of the inquiries he had arrived at a definite conclusion with regard to the actual misappropriation of the money and in consequence of the conclusion he had arrived in his mind he did not wish to press the charge against the first accused.

Cross-examined by Mr. Talyarkhan the witness said he had been making inquiries into these matters for the last five or six months. During these months his offices regularly received monthly statements from the mills. They were checked on themselves, that was to say, the totals were checked with a view to ascertain whether they were in accordance with the weights and rates given. It was assumed that the statements were absolutely correct they were initialled as correct in the office. The witness had frequently sent for the cash books and counterfoil receipt books at his office during the course of the inquiries.

Re-examined by Mr. Byrne, the witness said when he stated that he did not wish to press the charge against the first accused, he did not wish it to be understood that he wished to withdraw the charge. What he meant to say was that he did not wish to press the charge in consequence of certain impression he had upon his mind as a result of his inquiry. That wish was formed in relation to the attitude which the first accused had taken up by affording him information and assistance. The monthly statements came up to the office as verified and correct statements.

Examined by the Court: He had no idea when the pages in the cash-books were torn. When these books came up before the witness on previous occasions his attention was not drawn to the pages.

Mr, Sayaji Sayana, Deputy Superintendent of the mills cross-examined by Mr Velinkar said: Athaide was practically all in all in the mill. Athaide employed anybody and dismissed anybody. The witness was directly under Athaide. The witness was afraid to displease Athaide. There were two safes in the mill office one of which remained in charge of Athaide and the other in charge of the first accused. The sale proceeds of the waste were kept in Athaide's safe and the petty cash in the cashier's safe.

Cross examined by Mr Taleyarkhan, the witness said his duties were identical with those of the second accused. In 1903 the witness acted for the second accused for two months. He checked the monthly statement for March 1903 with the cash books. He had not initialled any counterfoil receipts of that month except those relating to the wages. It was not necessary to do so. He was not blamed for it. He had never the opportunity of checking the receipts except those for wages. It was not his duty to check the receipt-books.

After two more witnesses were cross-examined the Magistrate inquired if the accused wished to make any statement.

Mr. Velinker said his client had no statement to make.

The second accused in his statement said he was quite innocent. He never checked counterfoil receipts He checked monthly statements of accounts only with cash books. Whatever he had checked was initialled by him. From April 1901 until about March 1902 he used to attend under Mr. Athaide's instruction to the Abkaris prosecution against Mrs. Athaide and he had very little time to attend to his work at the mills. Between 21st and 31st August 1901 was the most important time in the case as during that interval the Hon. Mr. P. M. Mehta had for the first time to be instructed and to be briefed in that case.

Further hearing was then adjourned.

A "HEAD" SCARE IN CALCUTTA.

EXTRAORDINARY PAMPHLET.

MR DAVID MCLAREN MORRISON sends to the "Englishman" a copy of a Bengali pamphlet which is being distributed throughout Calcutta? the translation of which is as follows :—

"Strange rumour—108 heads will be cut down if found after 9 o'clock at night. The devils will undertake to cut heads. Rumour of head cutting is a very serious thing. In Howrah this rumour is prevalent Nearly all the workmen of Mills and Factories with the exception of a few educated ones give currency to the rumour that if anybody is found in in the streets after 9 o'clock at night he will be carried away and his head cut off. Some rumour 101 heads are required (other say 1,001 for the construction of a Railway Bridge at Chandmari near Howrah. The priest of the locality while asleep one night was told by a goddess that unless 1001 heads are cut and placed underneath the bridge it will not be sucessfully constructed. The Goddess further directed him that he should undertake the cutting of the heads privately. Hindus being superstitious believed what the priest narrated and did not obstruct the performance of the evil act by the priest. The rumour has gained such a currency in the rural quarters of the Howrah district especially among the women that they carefully close all doors and windows of houses as if they are afraid of the Burgees (Maharatta people) of the olden days who used to come and destroy the chastity of women.

The result of this attempt to work on the superstitious of the lower classes of natives and to stir up in them a dread and hatred of Europeans is, says Mr. Morrison most unfortunate at the present time.—

The first result of the scare is the migration of a large number of natives employed in Mills on the Howrah side of the Hughli back to their villages when they will spread the belief in the necessary sacrifice by the English of the stipulated number of native lives.

The whole idea receives a certain confirmation in the native mind as they know by legend that in ancient times the River Ganges always had to be propitiated by human sacrifice when her banks were wedded by a bridge much in the same way as the widow committed Sati on the death of her husband.

It is a matter for regret that the educated Bengali does not take steps to convince his ignorant brother of the utter folly and groundlessness of the panic of fear under which he lies at present. it shews his education has failed in one great respect, viz. in creating the desire to remove groundless fear and enlighten the ignorant.

MR. GEORGE MORGAN, nephew of Mr. Pierpont Morgan, who it is announced has become engaged to a Japanese lady, is clearly not of Herbert Spencer's opinion that such unions between Japanese and foreigners can only work out ill. Mr. Spencer, it will be remembered, went the length of advising that such marriages should be actually forbidden. This, he said, was not at root a question of social philosophy but a question of biology.

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SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Woodbridge, 2321 tons, Captain J Evans, will sail to-day for Calcutta, in ballast.

THE steamer Bangkok, 1227 tons, Captain F Busche, sailed yesterday for Singapore, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Sirdhana, 2073 tons, Captain E R Robinson, will sail to-day for Moulmein and Rangoon, in ballast.

THE steamer Pondo, 1747 tons, Captain D M Gunn, arrived in harbour yesterday from Delagoa Bay via Mauritius in ballast.

THE Hall Line steamer Aston Hall, 2293 tons, Captain W McFee, arrived in harbour yesterday from Liverpool, 23rd January, with a general cargo and the following passengers :—Mr A Marsh, Miss Vincent and Miss Elliot.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Henzada, 1388 tons, Captain C E Hodgson, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 35 cases opium, 4 horses, Mr Abbas as cabin and 251 deck passengers.

DEPARTURE OF THE CHINA AND AUSTRALIAN MAILS.

The P and O Co's steamer Simla, 3827 tons, Captain F B Summers, sailed yesterday for Shanghai via intermediate ports, with China and Australian mails, a general cargo and the following passengers :—For Colombo—Mrs Pelham, Mr D A Solomon. Mr and Mrs Max Balling, Mr McKeon, two Misses Rainforth, Mrs John Christison, Captain Castle, Mr and Mrs G W Palmer, Mr and Mrs Macmillan and Mr B W Burnside. For Singapore—Mr and Mrs C Tulloch. For Hongkong—One native officer and 39 men, and Mr W Farquharson. For Shanghai—Mr and Mrs Viccajee and Mrs Byramshaw. For Melbourne—Mr F Shiels. For Sydney—Mr J Grove, Mr Hanseman, Miss K Brennan, and Mrs Banvard.

ARRIVALS.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
23	Henzada s	Hodgson	Bushire, Feb 9
	Pondo s	Gunn	Delagoa Bay
	Aston Hall s	McFee	Liverpool, Jan 23

DEPARTURES.

Feb.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
23	Chindwara s	Bamber	Calcutta, &c
	Kerbella s	Cole	Persian Gulf
	Simla s	Summers	Shanghai, &c
	Bangkok s	Busche	Singapore

The following vessels obtained their port clearance yesterday :—
Steamer Woodbridge, Evans, for Calcutta
" Sirdhana, Robinson, for Rangoon, &c

The following vessels began to load yesterday ;—
Steamer Pondo, for Hull
" E F Ferdinand, for China, &c
" Dumbea, for Marseilles
" Culna, for Calcutta, &c

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, FEB. 22.

The B I S N Co's steamer Rewa, left London day before yesterday evening 20th inst.

SUEZ, FEB. 22.

The B I S N Co's steamer Mombasa, left Suez yesterday morning 21st inst.

The City Line steamer City of Bombay, left Suez for Bombay afternoon of 22nd inst.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macleod, arrived London morning 22nd inst.

The Clan Line steamer Clan Macmillan, arrived London yesterday evening 21st inst.

The Clan Line steamer Ownsay, left Liverpool yesterday morning 21st inst.

The P and O S N Co's steamer India, arrived Suez from Colombo, morning 22nd inst.

The P and O S N Co's steamer Sunda, arrived Suez from Colombo yesterday afternoon 21st inst.

The Florio and Rubattino Co's steamer Capri, left Singapore for Bombay to-day the 23rd inst.

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty-four hours ending at 6 a.m. yesterday, give the following results :—

Wards	Plague Attack	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	10	4	7
B Mandvi, Chukla, Oomerkhadi and Dongri	33	30	43
C Market, Dhobi Talao, Fanaswady, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	35	23	33
D Khetwadi, Girgaum Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	9	4	15
E Mazagon, Tarwady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamatipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	38	33	48
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	7	5	11
G Mahim and Worli	1	3	13
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Resident and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	9	13
Total	111	114	183
Total plague deaths to date	266,381	218,734	
same date last year	157	161	237

PRESIDENCY PLAGUE RETURNS.

THE cases of the plague and death therefrom reported to Government during the month of January were as follows :—

Cities.	Cases.	Deaths.
Bombay	1111	955
Karachi	37	33
Districts.		
Ahmedabad	177	137
Panch Mahals	494	419
Kaira	2572	1585
Broach	451	302
Surat	392	276
Thana	100	76
Khandeish	2844	1944
Nasik	1409	905
Poona (excluding City)	732	571
Satara	2343	1593
Sholapur	3824	3083
Ahmednagar	2331	1843
Kolaba	159	129
Ratnagiri	104	84
Belgaum	2554	1991
Dharwar	3503	2909
Bijapur	4062	3233
Kanara	78	55
Karachi (excluding City)	30	19
Hyderabad (Sind)	116	85
Political Agencies.		
Kathiawar	1028	1053
Kolhapur	3546	2389
Cutch	324	257
Mahi Kantha	97	70
Rewa Kantha	250	153
Palanpur	64	42
Baroda territory	1331	983
Aden	1	1
Bijapur Agency	80	54
Surat Agency	1	1
Akalkot	87	90
Aundh	137	117
Sevanur	25	275
Total	33007	28781
Total for December	42433	32329
Total to date	1425122	1081018

Shikarpur, Upper Sind Frontier, Thar and Parkar Savantwadi, Jinjira and Bhor were free during the month.

INOCULATION.

The statement of plague prophylactic issued from the Plague Research Laboratory, Bombay, on the 22nd February was as under :—Civil Surgeon Bhagalpur, 501 doses ; and Laboratory officers P. R. Laboratory, 8 doses.

MORTALITY OF THE WEEK.

The total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending yesterday was 1,292 as against 1,136 during the previous week. Of the total number 718 died of plague, which showed an increase of 168 over the preceding week. The total mortality of the corresponding period of the last year was 1,854. which included 1,054 deaths from plague.

SUFFERERS from barrel-organs will sympathise with the plucky lady who appeared at the West London Police-court to prosecute an Italian organ-grinder for continuing to play when requested to stop. The grinder may be fairly said to have worked "an instrument of torture," as the lady described it, for after telling her to mind her own business he "went on playing four tunes." In Italy street-organs are rarely seen, says a home paper. They are apparently all sent abroad and as they compete with the not less melodious street music made in Scotland and Birmingham (bagpipes and concertinas), is not this a case of dumping ? We make the Tariff Reform League a present of the idea, and we should really be grateful to Mr. Chamberlain if he would turn his attention to giving us protection from foreign "instruments of torture."

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RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

TO-DAY'S telegrams go to confirm the idea that Russia intends to play a waiting-game and endeavour to inflict the "blows worthy of her might and dignity" when Japan is less able to bear them. The transport Smolensk has turned back. To have proceeded alone and unprotected would have been madness. She would inevitably have fallen into the hands of the Japanese before she could have reached Port Arthur or Vladivostock. In fact it is highly probable that by the time she could have reached either port she would be in the hands of the Japanese. Even had this transport reached Vladivostock it could have availed little : for that port is short of provisions for the garrison it contains. Port Arthur will soon be in a similar condition. We heartily endorse the Japanese action at Shanghai in insisting on the gunboat Mandjur putting to sea. We also endorse her dignified protest against the French reading of international law whereby Jibutil becomes a secondary base for Russia. The protest however goes a little late—that is, if the departure of the squadron thence was not the outcome of that protest. Whether the Jibutil squadron has gone north, or, as our informant tells us, is now coaling in the South China Sea, we shall know in the course of a day or two, as the arrival of the vessels at Suez would be promptly wired to Europe. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Temps" probably does not exaggerate when he declares that it will be two months before Russia will have a sufficiently large number of troops in the Far East to secure a land victory over Japan. Meantime, however, she will probably have to sustain numerous further reverses both by land and sea. The telegram which tells of a Russian squadron going south past Perim is very probably correct and quite consistent with the statement we published on Thursday as to the destination of the store-ships which left Colombo last week. The capture of four destroyers is another *coup* to the credit of Japan.

AMERICAN INFLUENCES ON BRITISH INDUSTRIES.

MR. JAMES G. MCQUADE in the "Empire Review" discusses the above subject with the object not of adding to the already-bewildering masses of figures and statistics which have been published since the outbreak of "Fiscalitis," but of explaining some influences which recently have been making themselves felt in the great industrial centres of the United Kingdom. This he does in the belief that if those influences were more widely known and generally adoped they might enable the British manufacturer to cope more successfully with foreign competition. Trade disputes come in first for consideration. Manufacturers ask how they are to meet foreign competition if, in the middle of a contract which has to be delivered within a given time, the men demand that only a certain quantity of work shall be done per day, desire to restrict the output, or request that a particular foreman or manager be dismissed, or perhaps raise some point with regard to wages, hours or holidays, and threaten to strike if their demands are not immediately conceded. The British workman is a peculiar animal, and one of his most prominent characteristics is that he will strike when he least serves his own interests. As Mr. McQuade seeks to impress upon him, stoppages of work are in their nature wasteful and the time which might be employed in work, yielding wages to work-people, profits to employers and general prosperity to the country, is lost never to be recovered. Other ill effects may accrue, the most unfortunate being the diversion of the industry abroad for a longer or shorter period after resumption of work and sometimes altogether. Of course the workmen are not always to blame. The employers have their faults too and do not recognise the necessity of breaking eggs to make omelettes. They will not invest in modern up-to-date machinery so readily as German and American manufacturers do. While England has been dragging along under old-fashioned systems and antiquated conditions of labour, retarded by obstacles and restrictions which hedge in manufacturers and lead to constant disputes and misunderstandings between employer and employed, the younger nations have been forging ahead, and, to quote Mr. McQuade, have been using every means that a highly-developed system of scientific and technical education can afford, availing themselves of every opportunity of avoiding labour troubles and seizing every advantage in the way of promoting friendly relations between master and man.

Mr. McQuade perceives signs of a change. In many large engineering shops and other manufacturing establishments there are new systems and methods of employment and pay, which have long been in vogue on the other side of the Atlantic. One of the most important of these, he says, is a premium or bonus arrangement—a sort of alternative to piece-work. By it a workman receives a premium for completing any given piece of work in less than the usual time recognised for doing that work. The premium varies according to the time occupied less than the maximum ; and the period allowed for the work depends on its nature and is regulated by the practice of the trade. This system is admirably well calculated to do away with disputes between masters and men, for the worker left to his own choice in the matter of time accelerates his rate of production to gain the bonus, thus not only reducing the actual working-hours, but increasing his wage. Under another variety of this system, if the workman does not finish a piece of work in the stipulated time, he not only loses his bonus but if a committee of workmen, after due consideration, thinks that he has unduly exceeded it, he is warned ; and if the offence is repeated the workman is summarily dealt with. America favours another plan, known as the one-break system, whereby the men work straight through the day only ceasing once, at noon, for a meal. The system has been tried in England with some success. Writing on the subject of the premium system, Mr McQuade relates the purport of a conversation he had with the managing director of one of the largest engineering firms in Scotland. That gentleman was of opinion that on the whole it would be an undoubted advantage though not of such a nature that everyone would be likely to adopt it. One of the difficulties of the system, he thought, would be to define when the benefit of increased output was created by the workman and when it was the result of improvements introduced at the expense of the employer. In large establishments improved machinery is constantly being introduced, and it often happens that a great deal of the decreased time in completing a given piece of work arises not from the workman's exertions but from improvements at the master's cost.

Questions of the kind could easily be settled by consultation with the committee of workmen and it would be found that the result of a wide application of the bonus system would be to the advantage of both capital and labour. The system is, as we have said, of American origin, which is practically all that can be said to its discredit The British workman is one of the most conservative of God's creatures. He eyes with suspicion any innovation on the part of his employers, however good it may be. But Mr McQuade's experience teaches him that notwithstanding his conservatism the British workman is a vastly different individual from his predecessor of fifty years ago. Of this change he finds the explanation in the cheap and improved education. The workman's reasoning faculties have been much developed, and any new idea which may have for its object the increasing of facilities for conciliatory action in industrial disputes and the establishment of better relations between master and man has a much more favourable chance of receiving careful consideration and a fair trial than in the old days. Anything that will help the British man successfully to compete with the foreigner is worthy of the most careful attention and the adoption of schemes such as Mr. McQuade suggests would doubtless lead in that direction. American plans of working when adopted have exercised an appreciable interest on British industries and Mr. Mcquade does good service in bringing them forcibly before public notice. We do not know that any of the suggestions he makes are applicable to Indian industries, but the probability is that with some modification they might be advantageously adopted.

"WHITE AUSTRALIA."

LORD NORTHCOTE has been very cordially welcomed in Australia, and without delay he has been publicly informed of the views of the colonists on a number of questions vitally affecting the interests of the Commonwealth. There was a gathering of the Australian Natives' Association in Melbourne the other day, at which the Governor-General ; Mr. Deakin, the Federal Premier ; Mr. Irvine, the Premier of Victoria ; and other members of the State Ministry, were the guests of the Association at luncheon—and Lord Northcote heard some plain-speaking on Commonwealth affairs. The Australian Natives' Association apparently takes no account of the few surviving aboriginal inhabitants of the continent, for the most notable speech delivered at the gathering was a strong declaration by Mr. Deakin in support of the policy of a White Australia. His emphatic expression of the views of the Commonwealth Government on that subject were loudly cheered by his audience, and the Governor-General could, in consequence, have no doubt as to the popular sentiment on the question. Reading Mr. Deakins's speech, it is clear that the pious hopes expressed in Bombay, on Lord Northcote's appointment to Australia regarding Indian immigrants will come to naught. The Federal Premier paid a tribute to Lord Northcote's career in the House of Commons and in India, but plainly told him that he was now in an entirely different field of labour. That was Mr. Deakin's prelude to his main theme, which was directly approached by a reference to the views of a shipowner who had been making a tour of the world. "On the strength of his acquaintance gained in this way with the Indian Empire and the Commonwealth of Australia this traveller ventured to tell them that the policy of a 'White Australia' was petty, unnecessary, and selfish." Obviously Lord Northcote must have felt that what was to come next was intended for his personal instruction—and, as such, it undoubtedly was intended. To those who believed that this policy owed its birth to federation the Premier pointed out that a White Australia was made the definite policy of the States a quarter of a century ago, and had been nourished and cherished by their fathers from the first day they set foot on Australian soil. So far from being narrow and selfish he declared it was a policy based on principles which go to the root of the Empire—its maintenance, strength, and progress. It was, he said, the very essence of Australian life to give to the people the amplest powers of self-government, and it was absolutely inconsistent with the full exercise of those powers to permit the introduction of elements not to be assimilated in blood or social life. The British Empire, added Mr. Deakin, was a White Empire. It embraced many contrasted and differing races and many stages of civilisation, but he had yet to learn that the doctrine of empire had ever been held to include the doctrine of the fusion of these races into a crossbred nation. Experience, he contended, convinced them that justice was best secured to the mixed races of the Empire in their own countries and under their own civilisations. The latter sentiment sounds very admirable though somewhat beside the point. If Mr. Deakin's view in this respect had been held at an earlier day there would have been no white migration to countries originally inhabited by coloured races and there would have been no "White Australia". The real and powerful objection is found in the fear that an immigration of the coloured races would swamp the whites Had they learned nothing, asked the Premier, from the apparently simple and innocuous acclimatisation of birds and game ? They were not to be deceived by the idea that restriction could be enforced to prevent the blending of the races, and for an example he pointed to what had happened in North Queensland. With the United States before their eyes they were determined, he concluded, never to be subject to that suffering. From their own point of view nobody can deny that the colonists are right, but the situation is complicated by the existence of a large area in Australia where coloured labour is essential, albeit Mr. Deakin declares for white labourers instead of Kanakas.

A WORLD'S CRICKET RECORD

Lieutenant L. P. Collins, the old Marlburian and Oxford cricket blue, playing for the Gurkha Brigade team on tour, has established what is without question a world's record On the 8th and 9th instant he made 122 and 126 against Umballa. On the 13th and 14th he again made two separate hundreds, scoring 119 and 116 (not out) against the Meerut Green Jackets On the 17th and 18th he capped his previous two performances by scoring 206 (not out) and 110 (not out) against Bareilly—thus in the course of ten days' cricket achieving the unexampled feat of making two separate hundreds in three matches The only other players who have ever obtained a double-century in a match in India are :— Captain H. G. Neale of the Queen's Regiment; Captain T. B. Sellar of the King's Own Scottish Borderers ; and Sergeant H. Green of the 21st Lancers.

THE prize offered by H. E. Lady Lamington, through the Ladies' Branch of the Indian National Association to Matriculation girl students for the best essay on "The Power of Sympathy" has been gained by Kambai Prabakar of the Girgaum Girls' High School.

HIS HIGHNESS the Nizam will leave Bombay for Hyderabad to-morrow night by a special train.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR O. O'MOORE CREAGH, Commanding the Mhow Division, left Poona last night for Bombay.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Dholka Railway for the first 9 days of January amounted to Rs. 2,612.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantej Railway for the first 9 days of January, amounted to Rs. 4,173, being an increase on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 273.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the first 9 days of January, amounted to Rs. 22,930, being a decrease on the corresponding period of last year of Rs. 17,472.

MESSRS. MOHAMED ALI, B. A., and Maheswar Prasad, B. A, are the likely editors of a prospective monthly periodical to be published at Allahabad under the title of "Gup." From the prospectus, which has been published, it would appear that "Gup" will have pretensions as a humorous paper, not to say a comic journal. The promoters hold out an appalling prospect. In soliciting contributions they say : "No humourist need despair. No joke will be born to blush unseen for want of those who can see it. No epigram will waste its fragrance on the desert air for lack of better surroundings." The frank mendacity of "Gup" is indicated by the intimation to advertisers that "all inimitable trash and trumpery will be landed to the skies. Little epics and lyrics in praise of most awful rubbish are already in stock. Being devoid of truth itself 'Gup' respects mendacity in others." Indian journals abound in unconscious humour, but it will be interesting to see how the promoters of the promised funny paper live up to the standard they have set before themselves.

INCIDENTS in everyday life here as immediately bearing on the war in the Far East are not brought before the man in the street, says the "Indian Daily News," but an event of Thursday last is, perhaps, worth recording, and it is not without its comic side. A couple of youthful Japs, strangers in Calcutta, passing through en route to their own country, required a small draft on Yokohama. In a casual way, possibly even with a tinge of pure cussedness aforethought, a certain office in Council House Street was, on their enquiry, pointed out to them as a place where they would obtain what was wanted ; all unsuspecting they entered and asked for a draft. It would seem that only at that stage did they become aware that they were within the walls of a certain Muscovite banking institution ; that was enough for them and the effect was instantaneous, not another word did they utter, but snatching up their hats made a bolt of it, apparently doing the hundred yards to Dalhousie Square in the shortest on record, and not stopping till they imagined they were well out of range.

THE last ten years have so increased our knowledge of Japan that the story about Field-Marshal Count Yamagata, which went the round of Europe during the Chino-Japanese war, now seems as ridiculous as it really was. Excited by the Japanese Commander's ability, the Berlin Press put forward the romantic explanation that Count Yamagata was really the missing Austrian Archduke John Salvator, who in November 1889 resigned his Imperial rank, and going to sea in a merchant vessel was never heard of afterwards. The German story ran that he had found his way to Japan and placed his military experience at the service of the Emperor, who bestowed on him the Japanese name of Yamagata. The lack of any physical resemblance between the two men and the fact that the life-long career of Count Yamagata was known to every student of Japan did not prevent the acceptance of the legend, which is worth recalling now as showing how recently Japan was terra incognita.

RUSSIA'S SACRED CITY.

MOSCOW, THE ANCIENT CAPITAL.

BY WALTER WILLIAMS.

To see a real [illegible] is absolutely necessary for the foreigner to visit Moscow.

Its narrow streets, countless minarets, Moorish architecture, and the ancient walls are full of interest to the stranger, Merchants from Siberia China, Japan, Persia, Turkey, Syria and all parts of Eastern Europe journey to Moscow to dispose of their wares.

The markets are a babel of strange tongues, intensified by the violent gesticulations of the speakers.

Moscow writes Mr Walter Williams in the "Daily Express" is the Manchester of Russia and the centre of the commerce and wealth of that vast empire. The sturdy moscovite merchants begin work in the morning, and have all their business finished before their St. Petersburg confreres are scarce y out of bed.

Napoleon the Great was the most important tourist who ever visited Russia. In the spacious courtyard of the Kremlin there are 869 pieces of cannon wich were left behind by him in the retreat of 812.

These cannons mostly bronze, were originally taken by Napoleon from the Prussians, Austrians, Italians, Spaniards, and Portuguese during his various victorious campaigns,

Recently thousands of soldiers have a through Moscow on their way to Manchuri Siberia.

They mached through the silent streets at midnight or early in the morning, when the inhabitants were asleep. The military bands and waving of handkerchiefs by wives and sweethearts were missing from the scene. Nothing but the tap-tap of the drum was heard as the soldiers silently marched through the snowclad streets on their way to the Siberian Railway station.

WHERE WAR IS DECLARED.

It is an ancient custom that war must be proclaimed from Moscow, and no where else in the Russian Empire. The report that the Czar was to visit Moscow on January 21 gave rise to the rumour that war was to be declared with Japan, and caused a fall of stocks on the Russian markets. For the Czars, the ancient capital has always been considered dangerous. It is the hotbed of socialism and revolutionary ideas in Russia, and is the place where the students have been trying to organise revolts against the Government during recent years.

On the day of the Feast of St. John (January 19), I went to the Kremlin to see the "blessing of the waters" performed by the Metropolitan and his assistants.

Thousands of peasants rolled in through the "Holy Gate," like a resistless tide, and assembled in the great square of the Kremlin, which overloo s the river. For hours they waited in the snow and icy blast in order to bare their heads and utter prayers as the holy relics were carried past by the priests.

I watched the enormous throng, numbering over 100,000, for three hours, as it was a far more interesting sight than the religious processions.

Men and women, with matted hair and dull staring eyes, trampled over each other without uttering a word. They came shambling along like vast head of buffaloes being driven into a stockade. There were no sounds of merry laughter or jesting to be heard on every side as there would have been in England, but simply a sullen silence that grew oppressive as the hours sped by.

LACK OF ENTHUSIASM.

The peasants standing high up on the church steps, when they wished to come down, simply stepped on to the people below them without saying a word, although there was really plenty of room to have avoided it. Those who were knocked down just got up, brushed off the hard snow, and looked sullenly after the man or woman who had caused their fall, but said nothing.

The Russian peasants are awful when once aroused as they have no intelligence to enable them to be reasoned with. The mounted Cossacks can handle them up to a certain point, but when the peasants have stood enough they seize the Cossack and pull him off his horse, and throw him on the ground.

Ten years ago there was a strike among the workmen at a large mill a little way out of Moscow. The English manager, who was popular with the people, went outside to address the men and try to induce them to return to work.

Without uttering a sound, they seized the unfortunate manager, and literally rent him to pieces in full view of his horror-stricken wife, who was looking out of an upper window.

These are the wild hordes that the Moscow students have lately been trying to arouse against the Russian Government. If once they succeed in getting the peasants to rise, Heaven help those they meet on the way, because these terrible, ignorant slaves of the soil will show no mercy to man, woman, or child.

MULTITUDES OF SHRINES.

There are about 1,500,000 inhabitants in Moscow, and 1,750 churches and chapels. The church of St. Basil, in the Kremlin, has eleven spires, and each one is a complete and separate chapel

The Moscovites are more devout even than the people of St. Petersburg, and pray at all hours of the day and night. The streets literally teem with shrines on either side of the way. One the length of Chancerylane in London would contain about six shrines.

Occupants of sleighs offer a prayer while the driver slows up and also performs his devotions.

Russians try to believe that they only tip on New Year's Day, but this is a myth as the custom goes on night and day throughout the year. It has to be done on a larger scale on the first day of the year, that is all.

All Russians tip the porters of the hotels or restaurants each time they hang up their coats. Living in hotels is expensive, and hot baths cost 3s. 6d. in the bathroom. There is a police charge on passports at each town and hotel bills are full of various extras from candles up. It is absolutely necessary to have candles in the bedroom in order to see the electric light.

During the present war crisis one did not hear the subject mentioned publicly in St. Petersburg, but at Moscow it was the subject of discussion and argument. The ancient capital is really the Manchester of Russia, and the Moscovite merchants greatly resemble the natives of that northern English town with their sturdy business-like ways and plain abrupt form of speech.

The wealth and prosperity of the Russian Empire is collected in Moscow and its men of standing and repute were all strongly against war with any nation. The masses of the common people were simply indifferent. Dynamite would not cause them to turn round quickly.

Beyond the cafe chantants at Ammon, one of the suburbs, and the opera and circus there is very little in the way of amusements in Moscow.

Nearly every male in Russia wears an order of some kind or other, and few escape it. The most popular one, perhaps is the, "Sons of Continuous Rest." Including Sundays, there are 220 public holidays in Russia, and this enables numbers of the order to act fairly up to its rules.

Uniforms are worn by at least two-thirds of the male population on some excuse or other. Amateur gipsy bandsmen are attired more gorgeously than Cossack officers. Russians pride themselves on the fact that they are the only nation where every individual washes at least once a week. I do not wish to deny this, as I may have met them on their non-washing days.

Moscow is far more healthy than St. Petersburg, but a dearer town to live in generally. The wealthy inhabitants spend money like water. Restaurants have to pay from £1,000 to £1,500 per annum for their wine and, spirit licence. Generally speaking it costs £30 a year to send a child to an ordinary day school, so education is very limited and the majority of the peasants cannot read or write.

MR. MORDAUNT LAWSON, second son of Sir Wilfrid Lawson, was found unconscious in a railway carriage which arrived at Wighton, from Carlisle, on the 25th ultimo. He had taken prussic acid, and afterwards died. It was stated at the inquest that he had experienced financial difficulties. The jury found that he was temporarily insane at the time he took the poison.

LEXEIEFF AT HARBIN.

VLADIVOSTOCK IN STRAITS.

ORE RUSSIAN LOSSES.

FOUR DESTROYERS CAPTURED.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, FEBRUARY 23.

Admiral Alexeieff and all the members of the staff are now installed at Harbin.

Russia and Japan replying to the United States state that both are prepared to respect the neutrality of China outside Manchuria, the actual seat of war.

All the civilians at Vladivostock have been ordered to leave owing to the scarcity of food. The Government are taking everything available.

Port Arthur is now strictly a naval stronghold and the forts are manned by naval gunners.

Refugees who have arrived at Yingkow report that only twenty foreigners are left in Port Arthur: either traders disposing of merchandise or under suspicion and arrest.

A despatch to the "Daily Telegraph" from Nagasaki states that the Japanese have captured four destroyers at Port Arthur,

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According to M. Pavloff's report on the fight at Chemulpho, a Japanese destroyer was sunk and the cruiser Takachibo was so badly damaged that she was sunk by her Captain.

[The Takachibo, which M. Pavloff states was sunk at Chemulpho, was a protected cruiser built at Elswick having been completed in May 1885. She had a displacement of 3,727 tons and an indicated-horse-power of 7,120 tons, equal to a speed of 17·8 knots. Her protection consisted of a protected deck two to three inch thick, glacis plates three inch thick, the loading stations had a steel protection of 1·5 inches in thickness, and the conning tower was protected with a two-inch thickness of steel. Her armament comprised two 10-inch and 6 six-inch breech-loading guns, two 6-pounder quickfirers, ten 1-inch Nordenfeldt machine guns, and four 4·3 inch Gatling guns, with four torpedo tubes. She had a complement of 357 men.]

Japan as late as January ordered in Philadelphia locomotives for the Fusan-Seoul railway. Eight have been shipped already and twelve go this week, some via San Francisco and others via Suez.

The Russian transport Smolensk has re-entered the Suez Canal homeward bound.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 23.

An "Indian Daily News'" cable dated London the 22nd instant states :—

A telegram to the "Daily Express" from Shanghai states that after the agreement that the Russian gunboat Mandjur should dismantle and remain in port the Japanese Consul was ordered to demand the expulsion of the vessel armed or disarmed.

Japan has in a dignified manner expressed her regret at France's reading of international law whereby Jibutil becomes a secondary base for Russia.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of "Le Temps' states that it will be two months before Russia will have sufficient troops in the Far East to secure a land victory over Japan.

Mr. S. Hayashi, Consul for Japan in Bombay, writes :—The following telegram was received last night from the Foreign Office, Tokio :—

"Excepting two, all the crew and passengers on board the Japanese steamer "Nagoura Maru," which was sunk near the Tsugaru Strait, were rescued by Russian warships, and arrived at Nagasaki, 22nd February, from Vladivostock by a German steamer.

[The "Nagoura Maru" was one of the two Japanese steamers fired at by four Russian warships on the 11th instant near Henashisaki. The "Nagoura Maru" was sunk but the "Tensho Maru" managed to escape.]

The Wilson Line steamer Morocco, which reached Bombay harbour on Saturday, brings the news that she passed a Russian battleship, one transport, and three torpedo destroyers. The Morocco left Suez on the 3rd instant and at about 4 p. m. on the 5th she sighted first the battleship and the transport, and on sighting the Center Peak Island she saw three torpedo destroyers joining them, and they kept together till the vessel got to Abuali on the 9th instant, when, owing to the bad weather, she lost sight of them. The officers believe the Russian ships to have taken shelter near Abuali, as the torpedo destroyers could not stand the weather. The officers of the Morocco did not know the name of the battleship, but they surmise it to be the Alexander II, and it appeared to be a new ship. The transport also was a large one. Several times the vessels displayed search-lights during the voyage.

A Colombo telegram states :—

The Russian wounded sailors who are being conveyed to Colombo under a British guard by the Namsang will be interned at Diyatalawa, the place occupied by the Boers when here.

A telegram has been received in Bombay saying that a Russian cruiser, with three torpedo boats, passed Perim going south towards Jibutil, at which station were the following Russian vessels : one battleship, three cruisers, one torpedo gun-boat, eleven destroyers, one transport with 7,200 men, and one collier.

JAPAN BEFORE THE WAR.

The P. and O. steamer "Pekin," which arrived at Colombo on the 18th instant from the Far East, came right from Japan, and brought news up to a week before the Japanese attack on Port Arthur The "Pekin" was at Moji—the big fortified coaling station on the western entrance of the Inland Sea—for some time, and left that place on the 30th ultimo. "The war feeling ran very high then," said the chief officer of the "Pekin" in conversation with a "Times of Ceylon" reporter "A little incident which showed the general feeling is worth mentioning. When we were at Moji two natty little Japanese torpedo boats came steaming in swiftly and passed through a narrow entrance to take up an anchorage. The Japanese soldiers at the forts turned out and cheered lustily, while the people joined in the cheering." Though the war feeling was predominant, there was nothing to show that the Japs were about to strike so soon ; no one's suspicions were aroused, and this was accounted for by the swift and secret manner in which matters were conducted There was any amount of coal, at Moji, mostly excellent Japanese steam coal, which compared. favourably with good Cardiff. The coal was a bit smoky, but in the furnace showed good results. It might be mentioned that the "Pekin" burnt nothing but Japanese coal on the way to Colombo and she has 3,000 tons of it for this port and 1,000 for Bombay. The vessel arrived at, and left, Hong-Kong on the 4th instant, but the people there had not the least suspicion that hostilities would begin in four days' time. Singapore was reached on the 10th instant, where they heard of the Port Arthur engagements having already taken place. No Russian warships were met with, and those on board did not fall in with the "Phantom Squadron," the turning tail of which they expected when they heard of the crippling of the Russian Navy in the Far East. The "King Alfred," outward-bound, was met outside Singapore, steaming at a great pace for Hong-Kong ; and in the Indian Ocean a Russian Volunteer Fleet steamer was seen in the distance Eastward-bound. Apparently, she was steaming direct from Aden and had not heard of the war. Speaking of Hakodate, reported to have been shelled by Russian cruisers from Vladivostock, the captain said he knew the place well—a large unfortified town on the south-east coast of the North Island in Yezo, and almost in a straight line east from Vladivostock. There was a large fishing industry there, but the town itself was not of any great importance. Just before the 'Pekin" sailed from Japan arrangements were ready to mine the entrances to the inland sea if necessary, but that eventuality is not now necessary with the disabling of the Russian Navy. The "Pekin" remains in harbour about a week and then leaves for Bomay.

ALEXEIEFF AND THE JAPANESE.

In connection with the alleged request of Japanese in North China for the protection of their lives and property in the event of war, it is stated, says the "Japan Times" of January 27, that Admiral Alexeieff recently issued instructions to his subordinates in which he declared that, in order (to translate literally) to "receive the judgment of God," he would act in an impartial manner, and that, should he see anybody abusing a Japanese, no matter how slightly, he would go himself to the rescue of the latter.

THE BIZERTA SQUADRON'S MOVEMENTS.

A SECRET RENDEZVOUS.

Many opinions have been offered concerning the mysterious movements of the Russian "Bizerta" squadron, The following information, obtained from a thoroughly reliable source says the "Ceylon Observer,' throws considerable light on the matter. The Russian squadron consisting of the battleship "Dimitri Donskoi," the cruiser "Aurora" and six torpedo-boats, left Suez on January 22nd, leaving at Suez the Osliabya and other vessels. That was the last occasion on which the squadron was signalled from any port or station. The vessels slowly made for the Indian Ocean and hovered about there for some twelve or fourteen days, waiting the appointed time to meet a certain westward bound vessel at a prearranged rendezvous, This vessel was the Nijni Novgorod, of the Russian Volunteer Fleet 5,56 8 tons, bound from Vladivostock to Odessa with a cargo of teak. The Nijni Novgorod arrived in Colombo on February 6th and left the next day. Captain Bonbridge took his vessel to the neighbourhood of Minicoy. There as arranged, he met the Russian flotilla. The reasons for the mysterious movements of the Russian vessels, the exact object of the rendezvous, and the instructions and news given over by the Captain of the Nijni Novgorod to the Russian Commander we do not pretend to know The meeting took place and the result was the immediate return to Djiboutil of the Russian squadron,

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EAST AFRICA DEVELOPMENT.

Territory Leased to Syndicate.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 22.

In the House of Commons this evening Earl Percy, Under-Foreign-Secretary, replying to a question, said a lease of 500 square miles was being arranged with the East Africa Syndicate and negotiations were proceeding with timber and rubber firms for a lease of forest lands in the vicinity of the coast.

THE SOMALI WAR.

Cost of the Operations.

Mr. Arnold-Forster replying to a question said the monthly cost of the operations in Somaliland was £115,000. The Mullah, he said, was now so enveloped that General Egerton hoped it would be possible shortly to deal a heavy blow, thus facilitating the conclusion of the campaign.

Mr. Arnold-Forster, replying to several other questions, said the cavalry would retain their swords on active service but the artillery will not.

CALCUTTA PREVENTIVE SERVICE.

WINDFALL FOR THE MEN.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 23.

The members of the Preventive Customs Service in Calcutta are coming in for a windfall in the shape of a refund of twenty-five per cent. of overtime allowances which were reduced by this amount two and half years ago. As these overtime allowance average something like fifty rupees monthly to each man the total concerned is something very considerable. The matter has been the subject of reference between the Customs authorities and Government for a long time past, and the decision which has been arrived at has been received by the men with great satisfaction.

MOBILISATION ON THE FRONTIER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, FEBRUARY 23.

The "Englishman's" Quetta correspondent reports that a British regiment and a mountain battery from Quetta as well as the 37th Lancers from Fort Sandeman are likely to move to Nushki.

The "Englishman" states editorially that these are ordinary moves in connection with the mobilisation scheme.

THE TIBET MISSION.

MILITARY OPERATIONS PROBABLE.

The "English man" hears from Darjiling that the Tibetans are becoming more assertive and that there is a general impression that military operations are almost certain to commence when the proposed advance beyond Tuna begins in the middle of March.

MEERUT POLO TOURNAMENT.

In the Meerut Infantry Polo Tournament yesterday the Queen's beat the Rifle Brigade by five goals, five subsidiaries, to one goal. The Seaforth Highlanders beat the Fusiliers by nine goals, nine subsidiaries, to one subsidiary; and the South Wales Borderers beat the Gordon Highlanders by three goals, two subsidiaries, to two subsidiaries.

BENGAL PRESIDENCY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

RECORD ENTRIES.

The entries for the Presidency Athletic Sports which take place here next Saturday are the largest on record. The British Army Championships have attracted competitors from Rangoon, Shwebo, Meiktila, Mandalay, Wellington, Fyzabad, Kamptee, Poona, Bangalore, Darjiling, Sialkot, and Meerut ; while runners for the Native Army Championship have arrived from such distant centres as Fort Dufferin, Mandalay, Mardan on the North-West frontier, and from Shillong, Bellary and Jubbulpur. For the Army Bicycle Championship four British Regiments are entered : Private R. G. Williams, the Bangalore crack, is favourite.

The preliminary heats will be run off on Friday.

DEATH OF A CALCUTTA DOCTOR.

One of the most respected and influential of the native gentleman of Calcutta died here this morning in Dr. Mohendralal Sircar, C.I.E., the founder of "The Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science" and the initiator of homeopathy in Calcutta. The cremation ceremony is being carried out.

DEATH OF SIR LESLIE STEPHEN.

The "Indian Daily News," London correspondent cables :—The death is announced of Sir Leslie Stephen, critic and biographer.

[Sir Leslie Stephen, Litt. D., was born in London in 1832, and was the son of the Rt. Hon. Sir James Stephen. He was educated at Eton, King's College, London, and Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he took his M. A. He was Fellow and Assistant Tutor of Trinity Hall College, Clark Lecturer in English Literature, and Editor of "Cornhill Magazine" in 1871-72 and of the "Dictionary of National Biography" from 1882 to 1891. He afterwads became President of the Ethical Society. Some of his publications were :—The Playground of Europe, 1871 ; Hours in a Library, 1st series 1874, 2nd 1876, 3rd 1879 ; History of English Thought in the Eighteenth Century, 1876 ; Essays on Freethinking and Plain Speaking, 1879 ; The Science of Ethics, 1882 ; Life of Henry Fawcett, 1885 ; An Agnostic's Apology, 1893 ; Life of Sir James Fitzjames Stephen, 1895 ; Social Rights and Duties, 1896 ; Studies of a Biographer, 1898 ; The English Utilitarians, 1900.

He edited Letters of John Richard Green, 1901.]

THE POONA REGATTA.

POONA, FEBRUARY 23.

A large and fashionable gathering assembled at "Roshervi le" this afternoon to witness the first day of the Poona Annual Regatta. An excellent programme was drawn up, but interest was somewhat marred by quite a number of scratchings.

Out of the eight events five came off. The following are the details :—

Inter-Regimental Fours.—Half Mile.—Royal Engineers vs. R. A. M. C. The former were composed of Mr. Twiss, Capt. Garwood, Capt Poileau (stroke) Capt. Bremner (cox). The latter were: Major Carr, Capt. Ross, Major Hale (stroke), Mrs. Carr (cox).

Both boats went away on level terms. The Engineers soon established a lead and won by 1 3-4 lengths. Time - 4 mins, 55 secs.

Inter-Regimental Fours.—Half Mile.—Royal Artillery vs. East Lancashires. The Gunners were Messrs. Kemble, Lyon, Hale, Cousens (stroke), Evans Gwynne (cox). East Lancashires were : Galbraith, Chatwick, Davis, Dawes (stroke), Ranken (cox). This was won by the East Lancashires by three lengths. Time—4 mins 57 secs.

Canoes.—Quarter Mile.—Capt. Delap, R.A.M.C., Capt. Ross, R. A. M. C, Mr. Kendall, 87th Punjabis. Three boats competed. Delap took the lead, winning easily by one length.

The Oxenham Cup.—Half Mile.—Capt. Hyslop and Mr. James, 93rd Highlanders, were first ; Capt. Ross and Major Carr, R. A. M. C., 2nd. The first heat between the above was rowed off, when Falconer-Stewart and Forbes, having scratched, won by two lengths. Time—3 mins 47½ secs.

Junior Sculls.—Quarter Mile—Capt. Delap Capt. Ross, and Mr. J. M. Griffiths were the three who entered. This was won easily by half-a-dozen lengths by Delap; a poor third.-Time—3 mins, 18th secs.

MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, SURAT.

(FROM A CORRESPONDENT.)

SURAT, FEBRUARY 23.

In the Municipal Elections for the Intelligence Ward Ishvardas Store, Chunilal Gandhi, and Thakarram Vakil were successful, polling—446, 408, and 386. Dr. Dossabhoy failed, polling 236. It was a popular result.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Major-General L. W. Parsons, C. B., R. A., Inspector-General of Artillery in India, who was in Bombay on inspection duty, left for Mhow on Monday night. A salute of 11 guns was fired from the Saluting Battery to announce his departure.

ROYAL BOMBAY YACHT CLUB.

ANNUAL REGATTA.

THE racing in connection with the annual regatta of the Royal Bombay Yacht Club was continued yesterday afternoon. The programme consisted of only two events For H. E. Lord Curzon's Challenge Cup race only three yachts competed, namely Forella, Sapphire, and Melody. They sailed the Course No 10 17·6 Miles—from Committee Vessel, round North Karanja Buoy, round South Karanja Buoy, round Committee Vessel, leaving them to star board round South Karanja Buoy, thence round North Karanja Buoy leaving them to Port and finishing at Committee Vessel. They started at 2 15 p.m. Sapphire was first over the line followed by Forella with Melody to windward, all sailing with spinnakers to port. On the run to north Karanja buoy Forella ran under sapphier's lee and in the run to south Karanja gained time but did badly on the run to the Committee Vessel. On the second round Forella did much better gaining in the run and on the reach but losing in the beat home. The race was won by Sapphire. The Forella securing the second prize Rs. 75 which was presented by the committee.

Names of Boats.	Time All'ances on Course.	Entered by	Start at	Time of Arrival.	Corrected Time.
	M S		H M S	H M S	H M S
Forella...	Scr	Mr C T R Scovell..	2 15 0	4 57 8	2 43 8
Sapphire...	9 0	Capt Muter, R E & Mr R H H Hopkins	2 15 0	5 1 4	2 27 4
Melody ...	11 50	Mr J B K Macbeth	2 15 0	5 22 15	2 55 26

The second which was a handicap race for 'A' and 'B' class and Tomtits (amalgamated.) This was a very interesting race being amalgamated. There were eight entries for this race but only seven started, Meg having given up. over the following courses (No 8-11.7 Miles) From Committee Vessel round South Karanja Buoy round Sunk Rock round Committee Vessel round North Karanja Buoy and finishing at Committee Vessel leaving all marks to starboard. Midget was the first to start and others followed in the following order. Erin Sayonara, Trixie, Stella, Tomtit and Janetta. The Stella which was well sailed by Lt. Col H. W. Boyd I : M. S. ; secured the first prize, which was Rs 60 : second carried by Trixie and third by Tomtit : Throughout the races, wind was blowing west north west.

Names of Boats.	Time All'ances on Course.	Entered by	Time of Arrival.	Corrected Time.
	M S		H M S	H M S
Trixie	23 24	Mr R G Monteath ...	5 40 11	2 1 47
Erin.	23 24	Mr R H Ireland	5 45 43	2 7 19
Stella	Scr	Lt-Col H W Boyd, I M S	5 18 15	2 1 15
Tomtit	38 1	Dr F M Gibson	5 57 2	2 4 1
Meg	38 1	Mr C H Byrne..........	did not start	
Midget	41 56	Officers, R A...........	6 11 1	3 14 5
Janetta	17 33	Officers, R E...........	5 33 16	2 5 43
Sayonara ...	29 15	Major Curtis, R A M C and Mr C G Nomico	5 56 35	2 12 20

FIFTH DAY.

SATURDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 1904.

Challence Cup Race. Being the second of the series for yachts of any rieg and size on the list of R. B. Y. C. Y. R. A. time allowance for rating.

1st prize Rs. 50; 2nd prize Rs. 25. Course No. 18: distance 21 miles. Start at 2·15 p.m.

Handicap Race for "A" and "B" Class (Amalgamated). For yachts that are not entered for the Challenge Cup Race. To start with time in hand.

Entrance fee. Rs. 7-8, 1st prize Rs. 100; 2nd prize, Rs. 75; 3rd prize, Rs. 50. Course (special) from Committee Vessel round the Lightship and thence round South Karanja Buoy leaving both marks to Port and finishing at the Committee vessel. First yacht to start at 2·5 a m.

Tomtit Class and Handicap Race. For Boats of the Tomtit Class.

Entrance fee, Rs 5 1st (class) prize, Rs. 60 ; 2nd (Hcp.) prize, Rs. 40 ; 3rd (Hcp) prize, Rs. 20, Course No 6, reversed. Distance 10-6 miles, Start at 3 p m

Handicap Rate.—For Lateen Yachts belonging to Government Departments and Private Owners who are not members of the R. B. Yacht Club.

Entrance fee, Rs. 5. 1st prize, Rs. 50 ; 2nd prize, Rs. 25 Course (special) Committee Vessel round the Lightship and Sunk Rock, leaving both marks to Port and finishing at the Committee Vessel, To start at 3 15 p m, from moorings, Three to Start or no Race.

N. B.—By the kind permission of Mr R G. Monteath one of the Launches of the B. I. S N. Coy, has been placed at the disposal of the Sailing Committee and will leave the Apollo Bunder at 2·30 p. m. taking such members and their guests as may wish to follow the above races.

Light refreshments will be obtainable on board the launch.

Entries for the above Races close at noon on Thursday,

THE FISCAL QUESTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I have read with considerable interest the letter of Mr. Robert H. Elliott which appeared in your issue of the 20th inst., anent the speech delivered recently in the Bombay Chamber of Commerce by the Hon. Mr. Moses. I am afraid Mr. Elliott is crying in the wilderness, because it is after all a class question. Those who are men of means would like to see the purchasing power of the Rupee enhanced. Those who have none, although they count by millions, are too ignorant to see the harm done to them. The educated classes and the platform-patriot are not in it. They are loud in asking for fat employments from the Government. The Currency Reform League is as good as dead. It never had on its role even thirty members. The educated classes will take no interest in it, and the subscription of ten rupees per annum which the League required was not forthcoming. There is no patriotism in this country, and all are fighting for their own hand. Only one man in India, and that is Mr. Wadia, fought doggedly for years and tilted against all comers including editors of powerful Anglo-Indian journals. But he too now is silent, although he gave us some interesting letters on the Fiscal Question in the columns of a contemporary. But for the Hon. Mr. Gokhale's speech in the Supreme Legislative Council last year where he hinted at this question, we would not have had elaborate defence made by Lord Curzon at the Bengal Chamber of Commerce dinner about the Currency Policy, Lord George Himilton too defended it in the House of Commons. Let me however draw Mr. Elliott's attention to the report of the Mexican Currency Commission which held that in recent years silver-using countries had to give more of their produce for the purchase of the produce of gold-using countries To be brief it says : "Observation from a variety of points of view of the problem of Mexican foreign trade, seems to justify the conclusion that Mexico has in recent years given up a growing proportion of the products of her own labour and intellectual efficiency in return for foreign products".—Yours etc.,

IMPARTIAL.

Bombay, 23rd February.

BYRAMJEE JEEJEEBHOY COLLEGE OF COMMERCE.

VISIT BY THE GOVERNOR.

H. E. LORD LAMINGTON, accompanied by the Private Secretary, Mr. J. H. DuBoulay, paid a visit to the Byramjee Jeejeebhoy College of Commerce at 11-30 a. m. yesterday to make himself acquainted with the nature and extent of the commercial training imparted by the Principal, Mr. K. S. Aiyar. His Excellency was received by Mr. Rustomjee Byramjee Jeejeebhoy, grandson of the Founder and Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Pestonjee N. Wadia, Managing Trustee, and Mr. Byramjee R. B. Jeejeebhoy. His Excellency was conducted to the Library and the Museum of commercial products and to the various classes of the Institution. Students of the Commercial Section were examined, in Commercial Geography, the world's markets Banking, Shipping, and Insurance. His Excellency expressed himself pleased with all he saw and with the satisfactory manner in which the students answered the practical questions put to them. His Excellency was then garlanded and left after a stay of about 45 minutes.

BOMBAY IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

A special meeting of the Trustees for the Improvement of the city of Bombay was held yesterday afternoon at the office of the Trust, Albert Building, Fort, Bombay, the Hon. Mr. S. Rebsch presiding. There were also present : Col, Proudfoot Mr. E. Gray, Mr. T. W, Cuffe Dr. A G Viegas Mr, Sassoon J. David, Mr, D. E. Wacha Mr. C. H Armstrong, Mr W L Harvey, the Hon Mr Ibrahim Rahimtula the Hon Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr Bomanji, Dinshaw Petit, and Mr W N Shilstone, the Secretary.

HUTS ON THE KENNEDY SEA FACE.

Consideration was given to the question of letting out of the huts erected on the Kennedy Sea Face to the poor. The Chairman said there were 500 huts in all and the rough estimate of the expenses incurred in constructing them was Rs 10,000 He would suggest that the non-Government peons desiring to occupy the huts be charged Rs 2 per month and Governments peons Rs. 1 per month.

Mr. Cuffe inquired who was to see that they were not overcrowded and kept clean?

The Chairman replied the Engineer would appoint a man on a salary of Rs. 14 per month to look after the cleanliness, etc. Besides one person of their establishment would live there, and the other man would work under him.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula said: let the Lent fixed for the whole season be Rs. 2 per month.

Sir Bhalchandra thought Rs. 1-8 was quite sufficient.

After some further discussion it was resolved that the rent be fixed at Rs. 1-8 per month and two "havaldars" and two sweepers be kept there to look after the cleanliness etc., of the place, It was also agreed to make the rules passed by the Board in connection with the huts in Agripada applicable to these huts also.

RECREATION GROUNDS.

The Trustees resumed consideration of the circular on a memorandum by the Chairman proposing to acquire plots Nos. 1 and 2 shown on the plan for recreation purposes, and plot No 3 for erecting chawls for the poor in scheme III

The Hon Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula said that looking to the financial position of the Trust at present he thought it was not advisable to spend money after the plots for recreation purposes. The speaker drew the attention of the Trustees to section 31 of the Act and said under that section they had no power to leave open any spaces whatever except that the amendment to that section provided for spaces being left open for the purpose of securing better ventilation for the buildings in the locality. But, the Act in no way authorized the Board to leave open spaces for recreation purposes. Taking these circumstances into consideration, he thought they were not justified in incurring an expenditure of about five lakhs of rupees for creating a recreation area in that locality.

The Chairman remarked he had particularly no wish to press the matter on the Trustees. But there was a chance of their being able to secure a large area of ground at a low price. If they missed the apportunity at present it would cost them many times as much as it would cost them now to secure the area in future.

Mr Wacha said there was a large number of chawls built in that locality and he thought there was a great need of a recrealion ground for the people residing there. He believed one of the objects of the Improvement Trust was to have as many open spaces in Bombay as possible. As far as the population was concerned the action of the Trust would do them them the greatest good. They were concerned more with the sanitary aspect of the question than with the financial one.

The Hon Mr Ibrahim Rahimtola replied : What they had to look to was that whether there was any immediate need of a reacreation ground for the locality. They must first provide those parts of the city with recreation grounds where it was more necessary to do so.

After some further discussion it was resolved that the pieces of ground mapped in the Engineer's plan be acquired in connection with the scheme and that necessary steps be taken for their acquisition.

NOTES FROM NAGPUR.

VOLUNTEER CAMP-OF-EXERCISE.

A CAMP-of-Exercise for the Nagpur Volunteer Rifles was held in the neighbourhood of this town from the 6th to the 14th instant, writes our Nagpur correspondent. The 'D' Company from Jubbulpore arrived here on the 6th inst. by the 1-40 mail, and were marched from the Railway Station by the N. V. R. band. They met the A B and Cadet Companies at the Arsenal at 3·30 p. m. when all companies fell in and were marched off to camp 230 strong. On reaching the camp at 4 p. m. the orders were read by the Adjutant before the men were told off to their respective tents, The commandant in a short stirring speech referred to the pleasure he had in being able to arrange for the camp of exercise under many difficulties, and urged all the men to make the camp a success. He was glad to notice that the number of men who joined was satisfactory though no doubt more could have come forward. Picquet and guard mounting duties were begun soon after. Dinner was the first meal served that day at 6-30 p. m On Sunday there was a church parade, the men being marched to their respective churches for divine service at 7-15 a.m. Monday and Wednesday were especially set aside for the annual rifle meetings. The gold medal was won by Vol, A. Lobo. The remaining days were occupied with battalion parades and sham fights. The General's Inspection took place on Saturday, the 13th when a big field day was planned and successfully carried out. After a few manœuvres had been gone through before the General the idea of the attack was read by the Commandant. Orders were supposed to have been received by the Commandant of the N. V. R. from the General Officer Commanding Nagpur District, at Kamptee to hold the defile on the Kalmeshwar-Katol road against the entry of the enemy, consisting of Mounted Infantry Scouts and a foot regiment with its convoy approaching from that direction with the object of breaking into Nagpur city. Instructions were also conveyed to the effect that Scouts should be immediately sent out, on the flanks of that defile near the Musjid and Baregaon quarry hills, the advance guards and reserves following thereafter. The enemy consisted of a company of the Royal Scots and the Bengal-Nagpur Railway Volunteers. Scouting was well performed so that the enemy had to deviate from the defile and work round the low-lying hills for about two miles in order to escape. A section of the Cadet Company successfully captured the convoy before they could make good their escape. The firing was generally good and the position taken up by the defence party was commendable. After the attack the men formed up on the assembly ground and were then marched off, to the parade ground, where the general addressed them.

General Penton said that he had much pleasure in seeing the spirited way in which the manœuvres were carried out and the drilling which was satisfactory. It was a matter for regret that several officers and men who could have been present at the camp absented themselves, which did not show any good feeling towards volunteering and the corps. It was very necessary that every man should be a volunteer so as to defend himself and his country when the necessity arose. He said he would like the word 'Volunteer" in India to be substituted by some other appropriate word signifying compulsion, so that men would be obliged to join the corps. The General then gave the men some instructions as to how they should conduct themselves in an attack.

The arduous duties during the camp were somewhat compensated for by pleasant nights when concerts and other amusements were arranged. An entertainment was given by the Vaudeville company on Friday, the 12th inst. Saturday night terminated with a most successful dance. Major Stanyon, the popular Commandant of the corps, gave a very encouraging speech on Sunday morning, the 14th inst. thanking all those who had co-operated in rendering the camp-of-exercise so sucessful. 'D" company left for Jubbulpore by the 5 15 p. m. train on the 13th.

There has of late been a slight decrease in the mortality from plague, which is probably due to the advent of the hot weather. Several depopulated localities are beginning to be repopulated and there are indications of the disease disappearing by the end of next month.

Last week there were 310 attacks and 222 deaths.

DEPARTURE OF THE 5TH DRAGOON GUARDS.

THE R. I. M. S. Clive, which sails for South Africa on the 25th instant, conveys the 5th Dragoon Guards comprising 15 officers, 5 ladies, 549 warrant and non-commissioned officers and men, 32 women, and 37 children. The Regiment will arrive at the Prince's Dock (Jetty shed) on the morning of the 25th instant in two special troop trains at 8 and 8-50 a. m. for embarkation in the Clive for Durban.

ART, MUSIC, AND THE DRAMA.

The Pastel Society's Exhibition.

KING EDWARD AT AN AMATEUR CONCERT.

THE STAGE SOCIETY.

LONDON, FEBRUARY 5.

THE Pastel Society holds its sixth exhibition in the galleries of the Institute in Piccadilly. The high colour and high tone of the collection in general, and the presence of a certain number of pastel portraits of a bygone kind of prettiness, give the newcomer the impression of a less pleasant show than it proves to be. In its more interesting part it is still somewhat experimental, and the rest is of the directly opposite character smooth—and sentimental, and quite conclusive in its little technique, such as it is. These are extremes. But there are several examples of interesting excursions on the part of pastellists whose style is well founded and established, but who still find in the fresh and abrupt medium of pastel an invitation to new proofs and trials. The "Palais de Versailles," by M. Guirand de Scevola, is a modern rendering of the masses of evening shadow and evening sunshine, the motive of how many a picture since landscape began! But Crome, for example, convinced us of the radiant light, the warmth and the coolnes, without surprising us as we are surprised by this front of sunset-facing house, and these passages of flower-borders and flowering plants, with all their colours dipped in shadow. Among the six drawings exhibited by Mr. Henry Muhrman two of the most pleasing are "The Terrace, Meissen," and "A Fete, Meissen," in which atmosphere is mingled with a little murky touch in the sky suggesting distance and freshness, one hardly knows why. Near to these interesting landscapes hangs Miss Fortescue-Brickdale's. "Fashion Triumphant" on of eher singularly unimaginative allegories.

Her colour is so brilliant—at any rate in texture—that she has no need to attach to it a trivial parable, such as this, in which Fashion, although a fine figure of a tyrant, signifies nothing more than "la mode" for a feminine subject crouches at his feet with hands bound together. The draperies are silken and bright, but there is some much less beautiful colour in the sky. Other drawings of the figure are Mr. Tuke's "Twilight on the Beach," as usual beautifully modelled ; Mr. C. MacIver Grierson's "Wanderers" and his "Cutting Cabbage," with its very well observed attitude ; the "Motherhood" of Mr. W. L. Bruckman (who shows also a fine drawing of "The Lock-Gate," having a truly distant distance and a warm foreground of wall and reflecting water ; M. Louis Legrand's "Jeune Fille" and "Danseuse"—the latter a figure in bright daylight—which nearly puts out the glow of lamps ; Mr. Jacomb-Hood's drawing "On the Alipur Road in Delhi ;" M. Charles Cottet's two studies for his picture of Breton men, women, and children watching by a dead child ; and Mr. Dudley Hardy's "Last Word." There is a spirit and speech in Mr. Hardy's drawing and placing of the figure, and he sees something more than the surfaces of things. To return to landscape, M. Fritz Thaulow is represented by a serious evening woodland study, "Declin du Jour," in which he has aimed little at the quality of light, and M. Le Sidaner by two drawings, "Evening Reflections" and "Night in Winter." In the first, the tone of the water and the buildings is admirable ; the second is a record of the effect of of a village, close-packed, full of lights, and set in the midst of snow, at the latest hours of dusk. Mr. Hennessy has a beautiful "shrouded sun" in "Foggy Morning off the Brighton Shore," and there are six of Mr. Brabazon's lovely and jewel-like notes of cloud and water.

On Monday night the King and the Prince of Wales lent their presence to an admirable concert of the Amateur Orchestral Society at the Queen's Hall, a concert which included many songs and interpretations of music which were extremely artistic and extremely interesting. Mr. Edward Elgar, who conducted his "Pomp and Circumstance," showed himself to be in his best form, and in every respect realised his wonderful melody in a manner which obviously pleased his audience in every possible way. It may be said that Mr. Edward Elgar does not always conduct his compositions as finely and as satisfactorily as they deserve to be conducted but on this occasion of the smoking concert of the Royal Amateur Orchestral Society he seemed to be specially inspired. Admirably named is this march—for, indeed, it is full of the pomp and circumstance of music, with its fine swing and its most impressionable melody. To say that it is Elgar at his best would be a gross exaggeration ; but to say that it is Elgar in his most popular mood is only absolute truth. It is fine to think that we have among us a great English musician, who may be almost described as the Musician-Laureate of our time. He fulfils a unique position in these musical days, without doubt recognised as our greatest English composer across the seas, and in this country, without any academic honours heaped upon him, he stands a singular figure full of dignity, the representative of our musical art, and a prophet in every respect save in the land which has the honour to own him. Herr Fritz Kreisler played Tschaikowsky's "Chanson sans Paroles" and Vieuxtemps's "Andante Religioso" with beautiful feeling and distinction. Mme. Clara Butt's rendering of "The Lost Chord" was surely everything which its great composer would have desired, and her reception was surely gratifying to the singer, greeted as she was with round upon round of applause. Mr Ernest Ford conducted extremely well, and Tschaikowsky's Overture, "1812," was admirably performed, all its especial effects being brought out with peculiar distinction and fulness. We have heard this most realistic composition performed at the Crystal Place to the accompaniment of actual cannon, the effect last night of the drums was not less realistic, not less complete ; Tschaikowsky has a peculiar, knack of rousing one's most intimate feelings and of spurring one on to particularly enthusiasm, artistic in the highest sense the work may not be, but the gradual growth and extinction of the Marseillaise, therewith embodying the feeling of Napoleon's great ambition and equally great downfall are realised in this score in the most exciting degree. The concert concluded with the National Anthem.

Zeal like misery, makes strange bedfellows. On Monday afternoon, at King's Hall, the Stage Society lay down with the National Sporting Club. An incongruous result was that no less virtuous a person than Mr, Bernard Shaw took his pleasure seated in what once must have been a pool of blood, and surrounded on all sides by placards warning him that if he tried to get drinks out of the waiters he would be "chucked." The warning was, of course, a relic of some sparring exhibition, and addressed, not to the studious student of drama, but to the "noble sportsman" who loves a "scrap." The new piece, "The Philanthropists," is a version of "Les Bienfaiteurs,' a work by M. Brieux, produced as long ago as 1896. Written before the auther of "La Robe Rouge" had found his feet, the piece appears to have been inspired by "Le Monde ou l'on s'ennuie." Pailleron in his masterpiece is a very dangerous model, even for Pailleron. To write a play that shall at once tell a charming love story and laugh a popular form affectation out of court is given to few. Here M. Brieux has attempted a still more difficult task. What he tilts at is no passing phase of sham culture at Paris, engineered by a solitary charlatan in his own interest; but works of charity as generally understood and practised, with no sordid motive, by apparently, the whole womanfolk of a French provincial town. No doubt charity commits a multitude of errors. The charitable person always must be more or less at the mercy of liars not only of the rascal who lies himself into relief, but of the proud and honest poor, who, whith nothing in cupboard or grate, will lie themselves out of it, But to suppose that at the end of the year every penny must have found its way into the wrong pocket is to violate, if nothing else, the mathematic principles of chance. M.

Brieux may retort that the dispensers of charity drawn by him are not ordinary folk, but frivolous busybodies who ask no more than an excuse for meeting together in order to flirt and exchange gossip and possibly, gratify a taste for pruriency. But that won't do.

So long as they are human they must commit errors, and some deserving case must come by its own if only because they have misjudged it. The certainty with which they do the wrong thing and abstain from doing the right suggests that they are more or less than human. We think them less and while admiring the throughness with which Mr. Brieux has gone about his business, see in that thoroughness the condemnation of his play as a picture of life. His characters are not real. They have no feelings or even thoughts, but only views. In life we all have views, but they are the outcome of our thought, feeling, and experience. His so-called characters are really no better than gramophones Most of them have no past; for aught we can tell, the "record" in recital is the first that has ever been inserted. And the last that ever will be. A good deal must have happened to Landrecy and his wife, since they have a grown-up daughter. But, for all we can tell, they have been born in just enough time to get in their clothes (and their views); as Sydney Smith cruelly said of the Friends, they have come into existence "broad-brimmed and in full quake." There is not a warm drop of blood or a throb of the heart in the whole lot. And yet the play interests. Why? We think because M. Brieux is talking sense, if not in a quite sensible way, and is capable of very trenchant strokes of satire which is independent of real or steadily maintained character. His situations are just and effective. While all the charity-mongers are assembled, and their tittle-tattle rendering the reading of the report by the secretary inaudible, news is brought that a starving woman has murdered her three children and has afterwards committed suicide. Up springs a lady and develops hysterics.

She has received a letter from the woman denying what she contemplates doing: it is in her pocket, only she had forgotten it. Besides it was addressed to her personally, instead of to the secretary as prescribed by the regulations. The incident is thrilling and is dramatic, or would be if we knew more of the woman and of the lady. Being an awkward communication for the committee to acknowledge, it is discretly put in the fire. Shortly after it is learnt that one of the three children will live, and forthwith the ladies scramble for possession of that child as evidence that her charitable exertions have not been in vain. This is very bitter, very telling, but we doubt if it is true. There is also the love story, but it occupies as little of the author's attention as to be negligible. This attempt to write another "Le Monde" has failed, because instead of writing a sympathetic story of human beings with views that they have honestly come by in an environment which allowed of satire, he has chosen to write a satire of views doled out to characters in which humanity rarely makes itself felt. The acting was as good as the Stage Society has led us to expect, which means the best that is to be had. Miss Gertrude Burnett, as the girl of the perfunctory love story, was very pleasing. and Mr. C. V. France was admirable as Salviat, whose sudden millions enable the Landrecys to play their ridiculous and inconceivable pranks. Miss Sydney Fairbrother was very pathetic as a "deserving, but, of course, neglected, case." A large audience showed interest in a play that suffers from its authors not having recognised that the utmost art can do is to illustrate a truth, not to prove a theory.

Paul Lindau's "Die Beiden Leonoren," produced at the German theatre though written many years ago, is the eternal story of the comparatively young, unsatisfied married woman who considers herself neglected by her husband. She, therefore, easily yields to the inevitable lover, when her daughter suddenly comes back from school, inconveniently grown up. In this case the lover, who was not aware of the tall existence of such a "child, to whom I had intended giving a doll,' transfers his sentiments to the newly arrived pretty young giantess. Her boisterous naivete, not unmixed with slyness, captivates him in a trice. Finally, he marries her. Miss Selken, as the languidly yearning mother. though in the first scene indulging in somewhat too great rapidity of utterance and careless abandon, not quite in harmony with drawing-room manners, afterwards came out excellently as the "misunderstood woman." The palm of performance, quite in keeping with the part of the triumphant rose-bud, must be awarded to Miss Russ. Her 'backhschy" impetuosity and later semiromantic, semi-cunning ingenuousness were truly charming. Miss Emma Fruhling, generally the very type of frolicsome, attractive vivacity, properly toned herself down, this time to the part of a serious and somewhat sour governess; thus showing herself capable of the most opposite ways of character. Perhaps the play would be still more effective if there were not, in the last act, so much indulgent philosophising of the elderly and very easy husband. His sermon about what he called a just toleration provoked titters of amusement. The roles of the men were well given in a piece, in which, however "ladies first" is the prevailing tone. As the last two acts are played in Old Heidelberg in front of the castle and with the famous student-songs being heard in the distance, a German audience was doubly pleased.

SCHOOLS IN THE DAMAUN DIOCESE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—The lives of the Christians should be pure, holy, and exemplary, but the startling occurences that have taken place in the Native Christian Community show the prevalence, to an alarming extent of worldliness indicating a low condition of morality and pointing to the necessity of enquiries. What can be the cause of this regrettable state of things? We have often heard of parishioners, wardens, and parish priests at logger-heads over church funds and the charges of mismanagement, &c are even pressed into Law Courts. Can these things have had an influence upon the laity in general? If so, the generations growing up in such an atmosphere are infected with the spirit of the age and contaminated by bad examples? Mr. S. M Edwardes, I. C. S. writing in the last Census Report felt constrained to animadvert on the prevalence of illiteracy amongst the Native Christians. The Bombay East Indian Association, started in the year 1887 with the avowed object of promoting the "political, social educational interest" of the native Catholic community of Bombay, Salsette and Bassein has often been urged to represent to the Archbishop-Bishop of Damaun the need of establishing in his diocese parish schools, wherein moral and secular education can be imparted. Although the above association has made several representations to the Government of Bombay and has succeeded in securing to its members the much coveted title of J. P., and seats in our Local University it has not yet pressed the question of schools either on the attention of the prelate or of the Royal Patron There may possibly be many candidates for the said honours, but it is to be devoutly hoped that before their case is taken in hand, the association will represent the need of parish schools and press the question on the immediate attention of the authorities.

A CATHOLIC,

22 February, 1904.

BILLIARDS AT THE TAJ MAHAL HOTEL.

The Billiard Saloon of the Taj Mahal Hotel will be opened on the 1st prox. by Mr John Roberts, who will play three games during the succeeding week with local experts. A considerable amount of interest has already been created amongst local billiard players by the splendidly furnished rooms which will shortly be ready for their use. The tables are of the very latest type, and are fitted with return racks for the balls, quite a new feature in Bombay and one which will doubtless be much appreciated. Americans and Frenchmen will also be pleased with the introduction of a French table which will also occupy a place in the room.

MURDER BY A PARAMOUR.

UNSUCCESSFUL APPEAL TO THE HIGH COURT.

MR. M. P. KHAREGAT, Sessions Judge of Dharwar, in January last convicted Yellappa bin Bharmaji of murder and sentenced him to transportation for life. An appeal by the accused was heard at the High Court on Thursday before the Hon. Mr Justice Chandavarkar and the Hon. Mr. Justice Aston.

The accused was charged with murder in that he caused the death of one Kashi, by stabbing her in the chest and abdomen with a butcher's chopper, with intent to cause her death or such injury as was likely to cause death, on the 27th November last, at Hubli. The evidence showed that the deceased Kashi had been kept by the accused as his mistress for five or six years previous to her death. About three months previous to her death, they parted, and Kashi began to live with a Marwaree tailor named Kaniram. The latter stated that, at 5 a.m. on the 27th November, Kashi left his house with some dirty clothes, stating that she was going to wash them at a streamlet, that she used to go in this way every four or eight days since she began living with him; that about 8 a.m. the same day, he was called by the police to the chaudi, and on the way saw the corpse of Kashi in front of the accused's house. When Kashi went to live with him, she had a silver armlet, which she stated had been given her by the accused. Sometime after, Kaniram bought a new silver armlet for her. He did not notice at the time what had become of the old armlet, but after her death, he learned that she had pledged it and got Rs. 24-0. She had on the new armlet when she left on the morning of the 27th November, but in the evening of the same day it was found in an earthen pot in the accused's house. Kalawa, a Marathi woman, stated that she lived in accused's house with his brother named Parashram in a separate room from the accused's. On the morning of the 27th November, the deceased Kashi called to the accused who opened the door and took her in. They were talking when Kalawa went out of the house and she said that when she returned she saw people gathered in front of the house. The door was closed, and a police havildar asked the accused to open it, but he would not until the havildar threatened to break it open. The accused thereupon opened the door when Kalawa saw the accused and the deceased Kashi lying on the floor. Parashram's story was that he was awakened by a scream "O brother I am dead" that he rushed out and saw Kashi lying down, and the accused stabbing her with a butcher's chopper in the stomach and that the accused said to him "Do you want it also"; and that thereupon he came out and the accused closed the door. Another witness stated that when the accused came out of the room, there was blood on his hands, on the handkerchief wrapped round his head, and on his shirt. The chopper was found behind a grinding stone leaning against the wall and there was blood on the chopper. It appeared that the deceased was a fairly well nourished woman about thirty years of age and that the most important wound on her person were three on the thorax and on the abdomen. In the opinion of the Sessions Judge, there appeared to have been a sudden quarrel between the accused and the deceased, perhaps on account of the armlet, and the accused probably rendered irritable by illness, and possibly provoked by Kashi's words or acts, seemed to have lost all self-control in his anger and stabbed her. As there was no proof of grave provocation, said the Sessions Judge, the offence must be taken to be murder. but at the same time he did not think this a fit case for capital punishment. There could be no doubt that the crime was quite unpremeditated. The weapon used was simply one which happened to be on the spot, as the accused and his brethren were butchers by profession. The Sessions Judge convicted the accused of murder and sentenced him to transportation for life.

Their Lordship, on a consideration of all the circumstances, dismissed the appeal.

A COUNCILLOR AND THE DRAINAGE DEPARTMENT.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH A NOTICE.

AT the Esplanade Police Court yesterday Mr. Karsondas Chabildas, Third Presidency Magistrate gave his decision of the matter in which Dr. Nadirshaw H. Sukhia, a Municipal Councillor, was charged with not complying with a notice calling upon him to do certain drainage work in his premises in the Cowasji Patell Street. Mr. Crawford of Messrs Crawford Brown and Company, solicitors, appeared for the Municipality and Mr. Baptista barrister-at-law appeared for Dr. Sukhia.

The Magistrate in disposing of the case said the opinion expressed by the Municipal Commissioner under his signature in the notice served on Dr. Sukhia was in the Court's opinion by itself sufficient evidence as regards the condition of the drainage work in Dr. Sukhia's premises. In the present case, however the Municipal Commissioner had been examined by the accused and it was clearly proved by his evidence that the accused's premises were without sufficient means of efficient drainage. The Municipal Commissioner had most honestly and in a most straightforward manner admitted that he formed his opinion on the reports made by his subordinates, and after several discussions with Mr. Maughan on the question of the drainage of the accused's premises. The Municipal Commissioner had thus formed an opinion on those materials that the accused's premises were without sufficient means of efficient drainage. His Worship did not think that he could go beyond that opinion. There was absolutely nothing in the Act to show that the Municipal Commissioner was bound to inspect the premises, and that he could not form an opinion on the reports of his subordinates and after discussion with them. No doubt the notice required the accused to remove a good many existing appliances and Mr. Maughan admitted that it would be impossible for the accused to comply with the requisition unless the major portion of the existing arrangement was removed. It must be presumed from the notice served on the accused that in the opinion of the Municipal Commissioner the drainage arrangements of the accused's house were injurious to health. The Court held that in the opinion of the Commissioner the existing appliances were injurious to health, and the notice was thus lawfully issued on the accused. The accused having failed to comply with it had clearly made himself liable to the penalty mentioned in Section 471. He, therefore, convicted the accused, and sentenced him to pay a fine of Rs. 25.

BOMBAY LIGHT HORSE.

SQUADRON ORDERS, BY MAJOR T. W. CUFFE, COMMANDING BO. LT. HORSE.

Bombay, 24th February.

1. There will be various competitions including a Lloyd Lindsay at the Santa Cruz Ranges on the morning of Wednesday the 2nd of March and all members are asked to attend.

Dress—Drill order, swords not to be carried for Mounted Competitions.

2. It is notified for information that the Annual Camp will be held at Santa Cruz from Tuesday the 8th to Saturday the 12th of March, and that the Annual Inspection of the Corps will take place on the afternoon of the latter date.

By Order,
F. A. REDDIE, Lieut.,
Ag. Adjutant, Bo. Lt. H.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR T. A. SAVAGE, V. D., COMMANDING, B. V. R.

Bombay, 24th February.

1. Members who have completed their Class Firing are requested to return their Arms and Accoutrements to Head-Quarters.
2. Captain H. R. H. Wilkinson having returned from leave of absence assumes Command of "K" Company from this date.

By Order
P. H. ROGERS, Major,
Adjutant, B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS, BY LIEUT-COL LOUIS P. RUSSELL, COMMANDING B. V. A.

Bombay, 24th February.

1. Orderly Sergeant R B Lenaham next for duty Sergeant W Ewing.
2. The following drills will take place to-morrow 6 a.m.:—

No. 1 Co 6" B L Gun Drill.
Nos. 2 and 3 Co at the disposal of the O C Co.
K E Co Squad Drill.

3. The following drills will take place to-morrow evening:—

No 1 Co at the disposal of O C No 1 Co.
Nos 2 and 3 Co 6" B L Gun Drill.
K E Co 6 p.m. for Oyster Rock.
Dress Khaki, putties not to be worn.

4. The following men are permitted to attend the Annual Camp of the Corps at Bombay, travelling at the public expense, 8 men.

By Order,
A. STIFFE, Capt. R. A.,
Adjutant, B. V. A.

MORAVIANS IN TIBET.

THE Moravian Church is well known to the Christian public as a small international body with a widespread foreign missionary enterprise. Founded in 1457 in Bohemia as the "Unitas Fratrum" (Unity of the Brethren), it soon spread, in spite of fierce Roman Catholic persecution. Its early missions were in the West Indies, Greenland and South America. Then followed China, India and other regions. In 1854 an attempt was made to enter Chinese Tibet. Failing in this, Messrs. A. W Heyde and E Pagell founded a frontier station for the instruction of Tibetan Buddhists. They were in a short time joined by Mr Jaschke, an able linguist whose literary achievements include a version of the New Testament in classical Tibetan.

Bishop B. La Trobe, of the Mission Board of the Moravian Church, in a published statement says: "1865 a second station was commenced at Poo, on the Sutlej, only two days' journey from Shipke on the border of Chinese territory. Here, as at Kyelang, the work demanded an unusual measure of patience and perseverance. Mr. Heyde remained at Kyelang until in 1898, he moved to Darjeeling to serve on a committee appointed by the Bible Society for the revision of the Tibetan New Testament. Mr. Pagell removed to Poo where after eighteen years faithful and lonely labours he and his brave wife died within three days of one another in January 1883. The heathen headman of the village sealed up the mission house; and when Mr. Redslob, then the superintendent of the Mission, was able to visit the small orphaned congregation in the following spring, he found the property had been faithfully guarded.

"From both these centres frequent journeys were made in summer, especially to the nomads of the Rupchu plateaus and over the high passes into Ladak which was still regarded as a possible basis for working in Mongolia. Not till 1885, however, did the Kashmir Government permit the missionaries to settle at Leh, and then under stringently limited conditions which still subsist. This station also has had its times of sore trial, as in 1891, when typhoid fever suddenly carried off Mr. Redslob, the superintendent of the Mission, and Dr. Marx, medical missionary at Leh—leaving only two widows and a young missionary not yet acquainted with the language.

"In late years the work has spread from these centres of Christian influence and missionary itineration. Kyelang has an outstation at Chot, served by a native evangelist. Poo has a sister-station at Chini, in Kunawar, three days' journey down the Sutlej, and Leh, at Kalatse, three days' journey down the Indus. Besides these new efforts, Rev. K. Fichtner has been stationed at Simla to care for the Tibetans who go thither from the neighbourhood of the Moravian stations and from Baltistan.

Probably these are the loftiest mission stations in the world, for Poo lies 9,000, Kyelang 10,000 and Leh 11,500 feet above the sea. Such altitudes are at least as trying for the health of missionary families as the heat of the plains to those whose duty lies there. Through cloud and sunshine the mission had gone ahead. The converts have been few; and though more rapid progress has marked recent years they still number little more than a hundred. But seed has been faithfully sown through nearly half a century and surely the harvest will in God's good time be reaped to a much larger extent than has yet been the case. Cheered by the blessing now evident, the Moravian missionaries labour on in hope of more.

Having visited the Mission in 1901 and seen the good work at all the stations I heartily commend it to the sympathy and intercession of all Christians.—"The Christian."

MISS ANNIE TAYLOR IN TIBET.

In view of the British advance into Tibet, the labours of Miss Annie R. Taylor in that land will doubtless have led many friends to think of her welfare at this time says the "Christian." It is interesting to note Miss Taylor's views with regard to the mission of Colonel Younghusband, and the opening up of Tibet as expressed in the following letter addressed to us:—

Tibetan Pioneer Mission.
Yatong, Chumbi Valley, Tibet, Dec. 27.

Sir,—I hear that there is a rumour in England that Colonel F. E Younghusband's Mission to Tibet is a bloodthirsty expedition. This is anything but the truth, for the uttermost consideration is shown to the people, and down this valley they are reaping a harvest of rupees, and not bullets as reported.

The Dalai-Lama has sent orders that no obstacle is to be put in the way of the advance of the Mission, and as long as he is in power there is no danger of war.

The Chinese are very naturally doing their best to prevent friendly relationships being established between the Indian Government and the Tibetan Government, and so the trade of Tibet slipping through their hands into ours; but, of course, it is all done under the guise of helping us.

A strong escort is needed by the Mission to give confidence to the Tibetan officials in making friends with the head of the Mission, for which there could not be a better man than Colonel Younghusband, who is wise and kind in his dealings with the people.

It would, indeed, be shortsighted were any obstacle put in the way of the Mission by the Home Government, and thus the prestige of Britain lessened in the East, and the frontier of India kept in unrest through the influence of Russia in Tibet—a very real danger.

I have a small shop here, "the Yatong Medical Hall," the only shop in the so called mart, and have lived here among the people for over eight years.

As a missionary I welcome the Mission and look on it as the advent of prosperity to the land of my adoption, as well as meaning the increase of British trade and prestige, and the opening of the "closed land" to the glorious Gospel of Jesus Christ.—I am yours in His service.

ANNIE R. TAYLOR

THE KING'S LENIENCY.

HOW "COLONEL" LYNCH WAS RELEASED.

It is owing to the King's kindly intervention that "Colonel" Lynch is now a free man,

The story of why his Majesty's prerogative of mercy was exercised has just come to light, having been telegraphed to one of the American newspapers.

It appears that the movement which ultimately set Lynch at liberty originated with Mr. Michael Davitt,

When Mr. Davitt was last in the United States he saw President Roosevelt, who told Mr Davitt that he had once entertained Lynch at Albany, when he was Governor of the State of New York.

The President expressed great interest in the case, and regretted that he could not suggest clemency without laying himself open to a palpable snub

On his return to England Mr. Davitt mentioned his conversation with President Roosevelt to Sir Thomas Lipton and to Mrs Lynch, who has suffered bitterly since her husband's arrest.

He also made a strong appeal to Sir Thomas who then placed the matter before King Edward. Without any hesitation his Majesty promptly informed the Home Secretary of his wishes in the matter, and the prisoner was released.

When Mrs. Lynch went to Sir Thomas Lipton to thank him for what he had done for her husband she was so overcome that she was unable to find words to express her gratitude and impulsively taking hold of Sir Thomas' hand she kissed it.

Sir Thomas Lipton, when seen by an "Express" representative modestly disclaimed any extensive share in the transaction.

It was entirely the King's own doing, he said. I merely acted as a sort of messenger for Mr. Davitt who had worked incessantly on behalf of Lynch and the release was due to his Majesty's interest in the case."

THE WEATHER.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON TUESDAY, THE 23RD FEBRUARY.

SUMMARY.

Pressure.—There has been a brisk rise of pressure at Lahore Jacobabad and Jaipur, a brisk fall at Bijapur, and slight rise or fall elsewhere. The barometer remains in excess of normal in the north and about normal in the south.

Winds are north-easterly to south-easterly at most places and the force has been fresh to light.

Temperature.—The day temperature is about normal but the night temperature is from 6° to 10° in excess in Rajputana and at Jhansi, Deesa and Jubbulpore. The maximum varied from 90° at Cuddapah to 76° at Dwarka and the minimum from 76° at Negapatam to 48° at Lahore.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is cloudy to overcast almost everywhere.

Rain in light showers fell at Jask, Raipur and Jubbulpore.

Weather continues fine with cloudy skies, but pressure is slightly below normal in Cutch and Kathiawar, and rain is possible.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

BOMBAY RACES.

NINTH EXTRA MEETING SATURDAY, FEB. 27.

Entry closed at 6 p.m., on Monday 22nd February.

The Gatwick Plate—Distance 1 mile.

H H Aga Khan's br e g Ayrdale
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's b aus m Ailie
H H Aga Khan and Aga S Shah's br aus g Firecracker
Mr W E Taylor's br aus g Bell Brand
Mr A W P's b aus g Fando
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's br aus g Tubal Cain
Mr Kelso's bl aus g Milos
Mr Kelso's ch e g Childs Guide
Captain Wilson's bl e h Misty
Mr J Alston's b aus g Dundonald Byascot, Empress aged
Mr Ved's b aus g Spark
Mr J C Galstaun's b aus g Hoop Iron
Mr J C Galstaun's br aus g Dulcimer

The Parel Plate—Distance 9 furlongs

Mr Ali Bin Talib's b a h Connaught 5 years
Aga S Shah's g a h Achilles 13 3 1-4
Aga S Shah's b a h Oriental 13 2 1-2
Mr R K S's ch a h Seagull 4 years
Mr A R Amer's b a h Turkish Flag II 13 3
Mr R D Sethna's ch a h Sandow 6 years
Mr S A Wahed's g a h Skylark 13 3 3-4
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b a h Hyderi
Messrs G K and D D's b a h Adonis 5 years
Mr F M Garda's br a h Narunjee 14 0

The Ballarat Plate—Distance 7 furlongs

Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b aus M Annie Laurie 14 0 3-4
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's b aus m Olga 14 0 3-4
Messrs G K and D D's ch aus m Veera 14 0
Mr Ved's b aus m Bandicoot 13 3 2-4
Mr J C Galstaun's b aus h Matagia 14 1
Mr J C Galstaun's br aus m Gun Metal 14 1 3-4
Mr D Norton's g aus g Beetman II 14 1 3-4

The Dealers Plate—Distance 7 furlongs

Mr Jarbola bin Talib's g a h Kismut 14 0 aged
Mr Ali Bin Talib's ch a c Hadhur 4 years
Mr A R Lakayel's g a h Krupp 14 0 aged
Mr R R S's b a h Little Cherry 14 0 aged
Messrs S Amani and A R Amanie's b a h Sword 14 0 6 years
Mr Syed Rasheed's ch a h Sabab 6 years
Mr A M Shamlan's g c h The Emporor 13 3 1-2 aged
Mr Sahad bin Faraj's b a h Young Mosumma 13 3 3-4 6 years
Mr Miyeed Bin Jurje's b a h Sugger 13 3 1-2 6 years
Mr S A Wahed's b a h Caraetacu's 3 years
Mr A W P's b a h Hopeful 13 3 3-4 aged
Mr Fench's b a m Arab Maid 13 3 1-2
Mr A M Amer's b a h Arabian Flag 4 years
Messrs A Tamimi and S Tamimi's g a h Najeed Flag 6 years
Mr Jassim Nasaralla's b l a h Sabig 13 3 4 years.

The Coorla Plate—Distance 6 furlong's

Messrs Mustapha, Cowasjee and Cowasjee's g a h Tigris 13 3 1-2
Mr Ebrahim Bin Talib's g a h Nainava 13 3 1-4
Aga S Shah's b a h Arabistan 13 3 1-2
Aga S Shah's b a h St Gatien 13 3 34
Mr A R Amer's g a h Young Kohinoer 14
Colonel Ecele's b a h Rocket 14 0
Mr Arain A Essayie's b a h Malabar 13 3
Mr Artin A Essayie's ch a h Deserter 13 3 3-4
Mr Faraj Bin Sanad's b a h Mosumma 13 2 8-4
Mr A R Sulleman's b a h Salvation 13 3 1-2.
Mr A W P's b a h Turn of Luck 14 0
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjee's g a h White Fox 13 3 1-2
Mr W Moran's g a h Young Gazette 13 2
Captain Wilson's ch a h Winchester 13 4 3-4
Messrs A A Saif and E Rasheed's b a h Young Taisseer 13 2 1-2
Mr M T Shroff's g a h Bukhtawar 13 3
Mr F M Garda's br a h Kour Sahib 13 3

The Dealers Selling Plate—Distance 1-2 Mile

Aga S Shahs ch a h Prince Arthur 13 2 1-2 Rs 900
Mr Jacksons b a h Sprighthy 13 2 1-2 Rs 600
Messrs K M Sulleman and H Polloujees b a h shirajes 13 1 1-2 Rs 600
Chief of Mhaisals g a h Shirtaz 13 1 Rs 1 00
Mr A M Amanie's b a h Pledge 13 1 Rs 800
Mr H Jamsetjee's ch a h Primrose 13 1 2-4 Rs 600
Mr Artin A Essaijoe's ch a h Tzar 13 1 1-4 Rs 500
Mr A M I's b a h Jan alum 13 1 3-4 Rs 700
Messrs M Goculdass and A Nanjees g a h Seroces 13 3 Rs 500
Mr Abdool Kadur Hajees ch a h Despair 13 3 1-2 Rs 900
Mr Sheik Abdul Azizs g a h Shah Alum 13 2 Rs 800
Messrs A M Amer and C Burjorjees ch a h Short Price 13 1 1-2 800
Messrs Abdulla and M Shamlans g a h clever chap 13 3 Rs 500
Mr A M Shamlans b a h Murzook 13 2 3-4 600
Mr Johnes b a h Kingsley 13 2 Rs 100
Messrs Golam ally S Mohomed and A A Saips b a h Guiding Star 13 2 Rs 900

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Mr. A S Galtrey's br aus m Loch Maree by Lochiel 6 years
Mr T L Roberts br aus g Dumbell aged
Mr Leslie's ch e m Dorade 3 years
Captain Wilson's br e h Misty
Mr J Alston's b aus g Dundonald aged

CECIL GRAY,
Secretary, W. I. T. C.

Bombay, 22nd February 1904.

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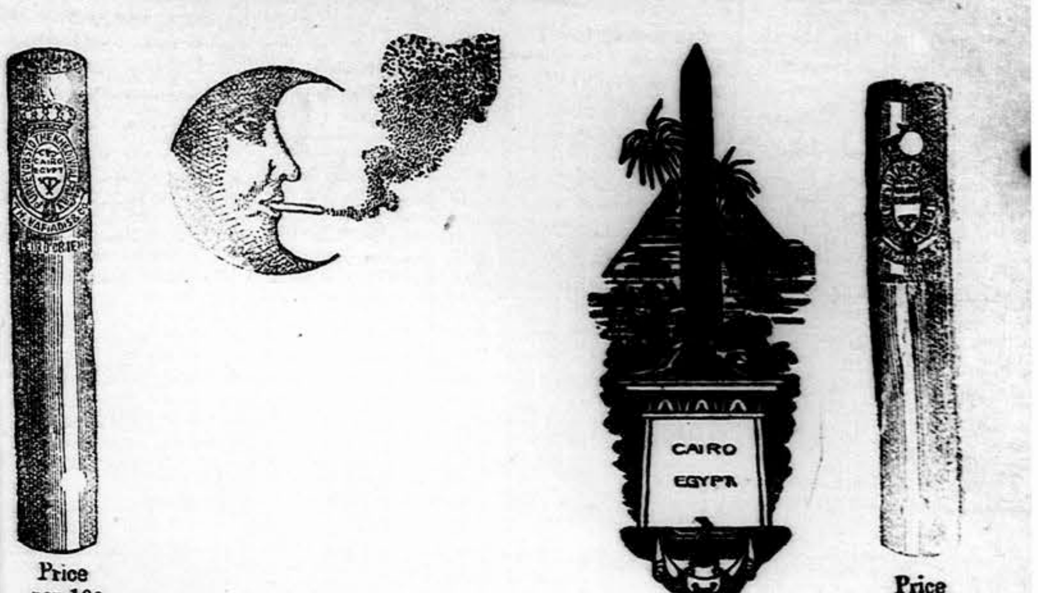

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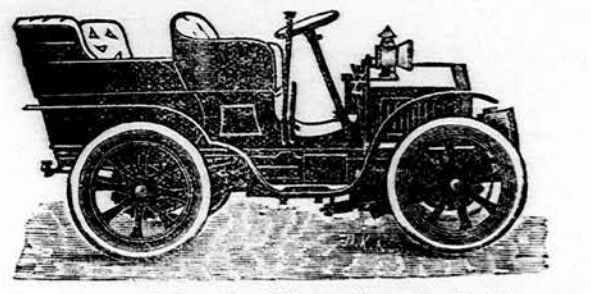

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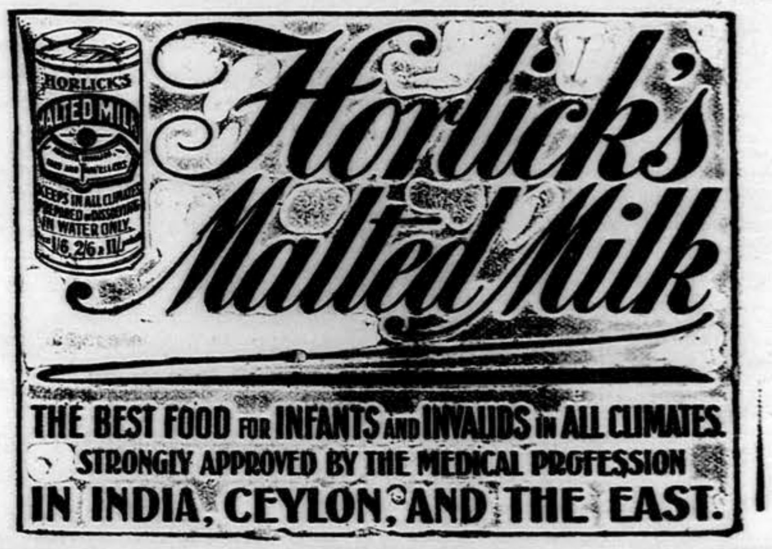
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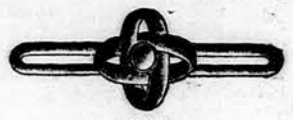

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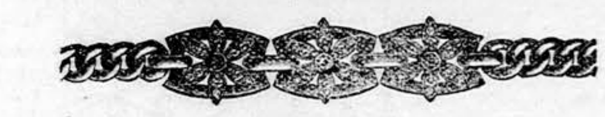

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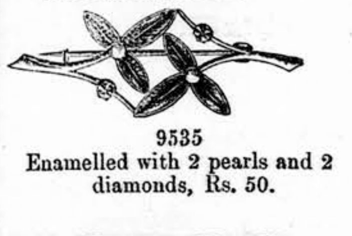

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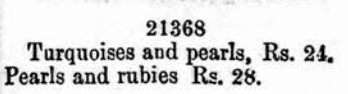

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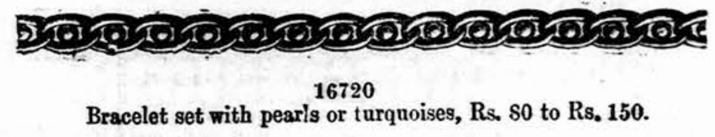

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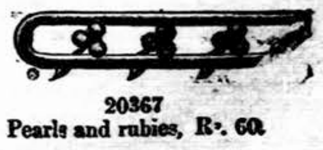

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The death has occurred at the age of eightyfour of Emile Deschanel, since 1881 Life Senator and and Honorary Professor of French Literature at the College de France and father of M Paul Deschanel the Academician. He had been a valued contributor of the "Revue des Deux Mondes" and editor of the "Journal des Debats" and latterly contributed to the "Independance Belge." He was the author of many books, among them Les Courtisanes della Grece Physioglogie des Ecrivains et des Artistes Etudes sur Aristophane La Question des Fremmes et de la Morale Laique Le Peuple et la Bourgeoisie, and La Romantesme des Classique, revised reprint of lectures. Another Academician M Henri Lavedan also lost his father by death last week. The death has to be recorded too of Dr Salmon original member of the British Academy.

January 31st was an anniversary of some little literary interest. On Jan. 31 1854 died Silvio Pellico indirectly from the effects of the long imprisonment which he made world famous in his Le Mie Prigioni He was a poet, but is undoubtedly more famous for his imprisonment than for his poetry He was not imprisoned altogether for his poetry but be it said though the poetry was of the Italian patriotic kind displeasing to the Austrian Government. But besides taking this line in poetry be had also actually joined the Carbonari.

While on the subject of anniversaries, one may mention that Jedburgh has been commemorating the centenary of the false alarm of a French invasion in the south of Scotland, which Sir Walter Scott introduced into "The Antiquary"

January 30th was the birthday of Miss Hawker, who has given herself a long rest since her Cecilia de Noel and the stories of The Hotel d'Angleterre. Both these volumes were published the year after Mademoiselle Ixe the opening success in Mr Unwin's Pseudonym Library. That is more than twelve years ago.

Matthew Arnold used to recommend literary persons to carry about in their mind choice passages from the classics for a standard. Mr. Archer has found such a passage in Mr. Grein's new book of Dramatic Critism Of the dramatic version of Mr Hall Caine's The Eternal City Mr Grein has written: I reiterate my inability to mete out analytical criticism to this gigantic compilation of olla podrida Mr Archer calls that simply perfect, and brief pithy unforgettable formula. He confesses that himself and the other English critics all longed to say it but could not, though they did their best to convey the idea in long-winded fumbling circumlocutions. One wonders what other critics of style and drama will say.

Mr. David Duncan, who was entrusted by Mr. Herbert Spencer's will with the duty of writing the official biography of the philosopher in one volume of moderate size, will be greatly obliged if persons who may possess letters from Spencer of interest or value would kindly lend them for the purpose of such biography. All letters addressed to Mr David Duncan care of H R Tedder Esq., Secretary, The Athenæum Pall Mall London S. W., will be carefully preserved and returned in due course to their owners.

Of the many series of reprints which nowadays tempt the bookbuyer none is more attractive than Messrs. Methuen's Illustrated Pocket Library of Plain and Coloured Books The latest addition to this series is Walton's Angler, which to praise or recommend at this time of day would be a manifest superfluity. The present edition is a reprint of John Major's pretty and always sought-for edition, from the second edition of 1824.

The complaint has sometimes been made that the series of reprints which are so much in favour with publishers to-day too often but reduplicate copies of popular favourites quite accessible already, Messrs. Methuen announce another series which is not to be open to this objection. This is a series to be called Methuen's Universal Library, to be edited by Mr. Sidney Lee, and to include books of classical repute of which no cheap editions exist. The price will be low, the texts unabridged, and there will be a short biograghical and bibliographical note by the editor to introduce each volume. The aim, however, is more ambitious than to provide cheap and scholarly reprints of inaccessible classics; it is hoped in time to achieve nothing less than to make thus available all the best literature of the world.

The King's Classics (De La More Press) is another attractive series, which aims at producing the less accessible books. In this series the latest addition is a selection of King's Letters, chiefly of the Plantagenets, edited by Mr Robert Steele. The idea had been to reprint Halliwell's Letters of the Kings of England, published in 1848, but it was found impossible in the present state of knowledge to re-issue them unaltered to the public. In the present selection other letters have been included; the text have been verified by comparison with the originals so far as possible, and alternations have been made in the translations published by Halliwill to bring them into harmony with the originals.

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The new edition of Mr. Lang's The Mystery of Mary Stuart (Longmans) has been revised and to some extent re-written, Mr. Lang being now more adverse than he was the authenticity of the Casket Letters. He has here incorporated in its proper place in the text (with some retrenchments) matter which in the earlier editions had to appear in appendices and in the introduction. The interest of Mr. Lang's work is too well known to need further recommendation.

Mr. Lang, by a piece of luck which he calls undeserved but which seems to be most well directed has has picked up a pamphlet undated but apparently of 1676 giving an account of the trial and execution of Joan Perry and her two sons for the supposed murder of Will Harrison, Gent, and to this he devotes No, II. of his Historical Mysteries which appears in the February "Cornhill." The same number contains the fruits of another lucky purchase by Mr, Urbanus Sylvan of a copy of Waller's Poems annotated by an anonymous commentator. This commentator Mr. Sylvan has identified by a latter from Atterbury to Pope to be no less a person than Atterbury himself; and this find is the text of his interesting Provincial Letter from Beaconsfield. In the same excellent magazine literary readers will find some delightful reminiscences of the late Sir John Robinson by Mr. Lucy an admirable appreciation of Mommsen by Pforessor Tout, some amusing experiences by Mr. Leonard Huxley of the man who was recently sent to gaol for palming off other people's old articles as his own, and Mr. J. E. Vincent's account of the Eisteddfodic ways of the Welsh in London.

The Oxford University Press announces a standard edition of the complete works of Ben Jonson, to make probably nine octavo volumes, edited by Professor C. H. Herford, and by Mr. Percy Simpson, who has been engaged for ten years or more on a critical examination of Jonson's text. Also an edition by Mr, G. Gregory Smith of Elizabethan Critical Essays, uniform with Prosessor Ker's Essays of Dryden, Mr. Gregory Smith is lecturer in English Literature in the University of Edinburgh, and did The Transition Period in Professor Saintsbury's series of periods of European Literature. For the forthcoming volume he has written an introduction on the origins of literary criticism in England. In both these books the University Press is doing good service for English literature.

The same Press will publish, probably in the spring of next year, the complete account which Dr. M. Aurel Stein has undertaken, with the official sanction of the Secretary of State for India, of the results of his researches in Chinese Turkistan. The book will be fully and elaborately illustrated.

Messrs. Methuen announce a reprint of the Oxford chapters of Hogg's Life of Shelley, a racy book only to be obtained now from the second-hand booksellers The introduction will be by Mr. Streatfeild.

Mr. Unwin has issued two new volumes in the new issue of the Mermaid Series, containing seven plays by Dryden, edited by Professor Saintsbury. Dryden's prefaces to the plays will be included.

Messrs. Macmillan have published Mr. E. V. Lucas's "Highways and Byways in Sussex," illustrated by Mr. F. L. Griggs; and The Adventures of Elizabeth in Rugen," by the Elizabeth of the German Garden.

Sir Martin Conway's suggested formation of a society to preserve and publish photographic records of art treasures in the hands of private owners is an excellent proposal, which no one was better qualified than the Slade Professor of Fine Arts at Cambridge to make. Not many men, indeed have more various interest than Sir Martin Conway, who is even prouder, perhaps, of his picture "finds" in out-of-the-way towns of Northern Italy than of having climbed the Himalayas and the Andes.

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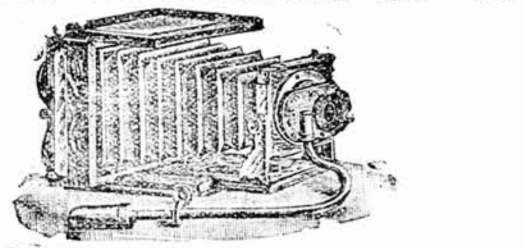

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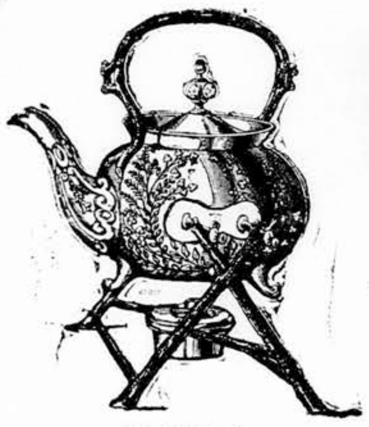

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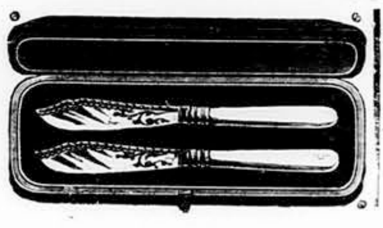

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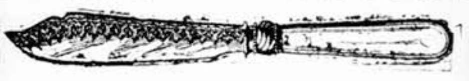

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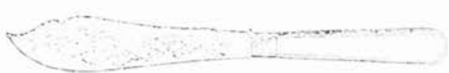

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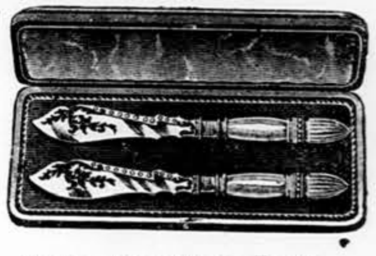

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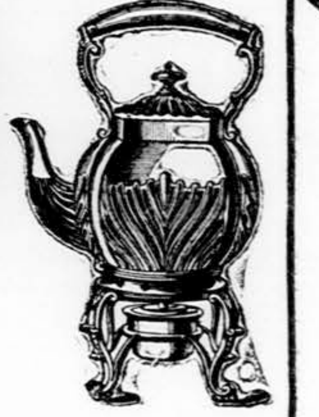

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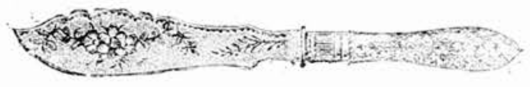

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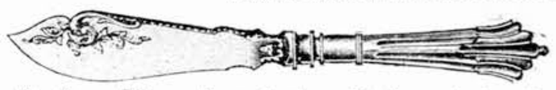

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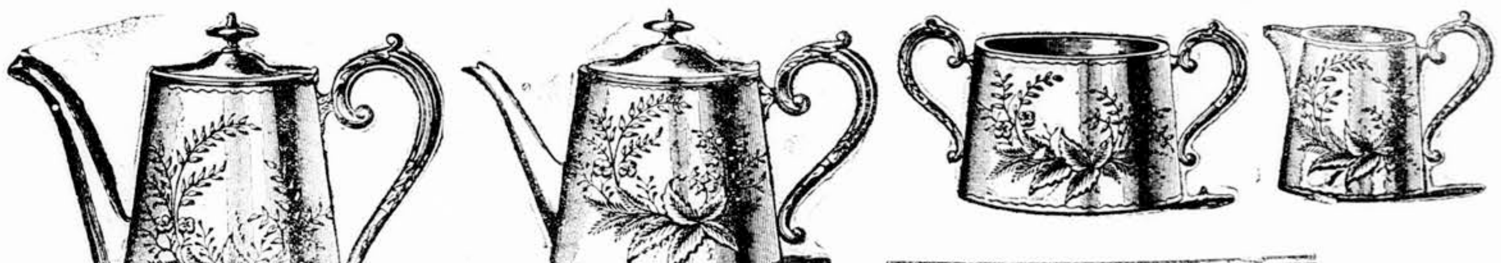

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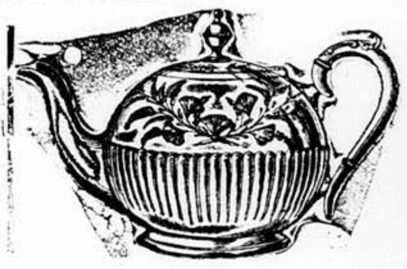

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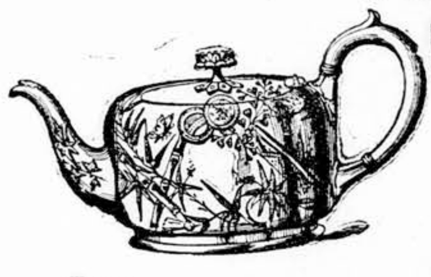

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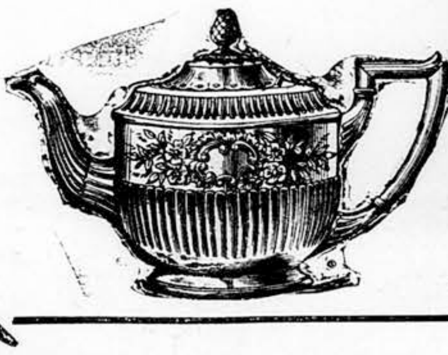

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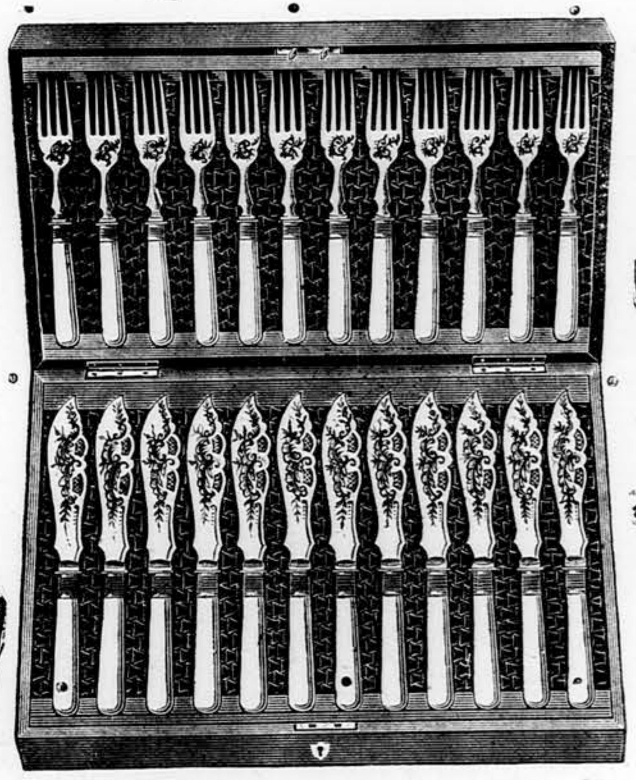

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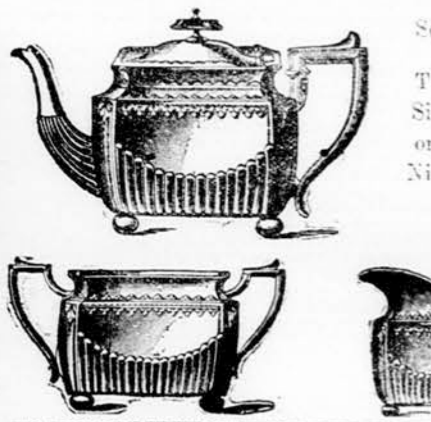

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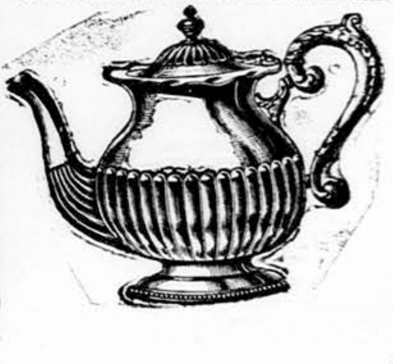

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